# West Asheville Newspaper Articles

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| 1900 | Bingham School advertisement |
| Jan. 1, 1900 | School Funds Apportionment |
| Jan. 16, 1900 | West Asheville Road |
| Mar. 12, 1900 | Horseless carriage appears in city |
| April 5, 1900 | Cost of Buncombe County Schools |
| April 16, 1900 | At the convict camp |
| April 23, 1900 | Asheville gets another school |
| Oct. 12, 1900 | Canoes for Asheville School |
| Oct. 7, 1901 | Routes for free rural delivery |
| Sept. 12, 1901 | 120 enrolled at Bingham |
| Sept. 30, 1901 | Bingham Football Schedule |
| Oct. 22, 1901 | Richmond Pearson on proposed nat'l park |
| Oct. 26, 1901 | Street car schedule |
| Feb. 17, 1902 | Good school houses in County |
| Feb. 22, 1902 | The Emma burglars |
| | Condemned men tell of their crime |
| | The execution next Wednesday |
| | Governor commutes sentence of 2 of the Emma burglars |
| | Governor's reasons for the commutation |
| | Public sentiment on the commutation |
| Feb. 28, 1902 | French Broad River high |
| Mar. 24, 1902 | Asheville Electric Co. rates |
| May 31, 1902 | Bingham in top 5 schools |
| June 4, 1902 | Lindley Training School meeting |
| June 6, 1902 | West Asheville "land to burn" |
| July 25, 1902 | West Asheville's fine high school |
| Sept. 4, 1902 | Bingham Opens; good prospects |
| Nov. 19, 1902 | Lindley Training School meeting |
| Nov. 2, 1903 | "The Colored People" New pastor in West A |
| Nov. 11, 1903 | West A may get modern waterworks |
| Nov. 17, 1903 | "The Colored People" Emancipation Day |
| Nov. 18, 1903 | "The Colored People" Rally at West A church |
| Feb. 3, 1904 | Will macadamize road to Haywood |
| Feb. 4, 1904 | Annual meeting of Good Roads Association |
| Mar. 2, 1904 | Waterworks for West Asheville |
| Mar. 3, 1904 | Asheville School to have new water supply |
| Mar. 9, 1904 | Propose to form Hunt Club here again |

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| Mar. 15, 1904 | Emma Post Office broken into again |
| April 9, 1904 | Vanderbilt estate buys Mitchell property |
| May 15, 1904 | Bingham boys in yearly drill |
| Summer, 1904 | Asheville scene of sensational kidnapping |
| July 4, 1904 | Board of Education adopts graded school system |
| Aug. 14, 1904 | West Asheville waterworks almost completed |
| Oct. 29, 1904 | West Asheville rifle club shoot |

## 1905 – 1909

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|---|---|
| Feb. 14, 1905 | Colored ministers protest segregation of trolleys |
| May 8, 1905 | Dam across Ragsdale Creek in West A complete |
| July 12, 1905 | Flood of 1905, Asheville School Dam breaks |
| July 16, 1905 | House fire |
| Sept. 13, 1905 | French Broad River bottom to be deeded as acreage |
| Sept. 14, 1905 | Refused deed to river bottom; lawsuit follows |
| Sept. 15, 1905 | Sold French Broad to Asheville man |
| Oct. 27, 1905 | Imperial Mutual Life Insurance Co. formed |
| Nov. 8, 1905 | Asheville Rifle Club removes to new range |
| Nov. 10, 1905 | Rifle Club on the new range |
| Nov. 17, 1905 | Inanda's pies growing famous |
| Nov. 19, 1905 | Many improvements at Bingham School |
| Nov. 29, 1905 | Football: Bingham vs. Maryville College<br>Thanksgiving menu |
| Dec. 1, 1905 | Fairchild wins in rifle club shoot |
| Dec. 8, 1905 | Sulphur Springs Odd Fellows to Build New Lodge |
| 1906 | 1st hot air balloon ascension in WNC ends on west bank of French Broad River |
| Jan. 5, 1906 | Cadet held up on Pearson's Bridge |
| Jan. 6, 1906 | West Asheville's light plant move |
| Jan. 10, 1906 | Nine Bingham officers expelled |
| Jan. 19, 1906 | W.H. Wright wins rifle (Asheville Rifle Club) |
| Jan. 23, 1906 | Asheville visited by Sunday storm |
| Jan. 31, 1906 | Projected street RR from bridge to Patton Ave. |
| Mar. 11, 1906 | Large land transaction will help West Asheville |
| Mar. 15, 1906 | Plan motor car line from Asheville across river |
| Mar. 17, 1906 | Special tax wins in West Asheville |
| Mar. 29, 1906 | Large fruit tree nursery established here |
| April 25, 1906 | West A to have street RR across river |
| May 1, 1906 | Bingham cadet drowned |
| June 1, 1906 | Another bridge and road from city across river |
| Nov. 23, 1906 | Telephone cable extended in West Asheville |
| 1907 | Points of Interest in Asheville & Vicinity |
| Jan. 15, 1907 | Concrete bridge across river |
| Jan. 20, 1907 | Southern surveys new line to Candler |

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| Jan. 27, 1907 | Southern to build 1st concrete bridge in region |
| Feb. 2, 1907 | Schoenfeld gets deed to Carrier property |
| Feb. 24, 1907 | Schoenfeld buys Carrier Track |
| Feb. 27, 1907 | Judge Pritchard opposes race track |
| | Suspension foot bridge across river planned |
| Mar. 3, 1907 | Asheville Ladies against betting facilities |
| Mar. 10, 1907 | Movement is on for County High Schools |
| April 3, 1907 | Definite steps for new bridge |
| May 1, 1907 | Annual meeting of Lindley School |
| May 5, 1907 | "Binghamitis" known only in Asheville |
| May 8, 1907 | New school houses to be erected |
| May 24, 1907 | Asheville School lets contract for building |
| Aug. 14, 1907 | New roadway to West Asheville needed |
| Aug. 20, 1907 | Schoenfeld here to see property (Sulphur Springs and Carrier Field) |
| Sept. 14, 1907 | Bought farm for Bingham School? |
| Oct. 6, 1907 | County schools will resume work |
| 1908 | West Asheville street car line map |
| Feb. 17, 1908 | Bingham School boys avert train wreck |
| Feb. 23, 1908 | Thugs attack man at Smith's Bridge |
| Mar. 1908 | Rescue Home of Asheville (became Eliada home) |
| Mar. 10, 1908 | Bingham baseball schedule |
| Mar. 14, 1908 | Imperial Mutual Life Insurance Co. expands |
| May 6, 1908 | Cadets drilled like veterans |
| | Noted woman dies at Bingham School |
| May 8, 1908 | Heroine of Emma burglary killed by passing train |
| May 20, 1908 | County's schools are now closed |
| May 27, 1908 | Tidal wave of Prohibition inundates state |
| | Hazel Township has biggest majority in county |
| May 28, 1908 | Buncombe wins Prohibition banner |
| Sept. 21, 1908 | Bingham School football |
| Nov. 15, 1908 | Bingham School |
| Nov. 17, 1908 | Bingham School football |
| Nov. 26, 1908 | Bingham School Thanksgiving football game Notice |
| Dec. 13, 1908 | Letters to Santa Claus |
| Jan. 1909 | Clayton tract sold for subdivision |
| Jan. 21, 1909 | Negro evangelist in West Asheville |
| Feb. 10, 1909 | Bridge measure pursued |
| Mar. 2, 1909 | Bridge measure |
| Mar. 26, 1909 | West Asheville Odd Fellows spelling bee |
| May 27, 1909 | Lindley School reports are read |
| May 30, 1909 | Asheville School gets sub-station |
| June 11, 1909 | Bingham School catalogue reviewed |
| June 23, 1909 | Commissioners do not act on bridge |
| July 4, 1909 | Changes are made in R.F.D. routes |

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| Aug. 17, 1909 | Plans for bridge to be considered |
| Aug. 18, 1909 | Bids for bridge before the board |
| Aug. 26, 1909 | West Asheville Labor day plans |
| Sept. 6, 1909 | Labor will observe its special holiday |
| | Tahkeeostee Farm sold at auction |
| Sept. 7, 1909 | Tahkeeostee Farm sold under hammer |
| | West Asheville celebrates greatest day in its history |
| | West Asheville Road boundary established |
| Sept. 22, 1909 | High bridge of concrete to span the French Broad |
| Sept. 30, 1909 | New water supply in West Asheville |
| Oct. 3, 1909 | Bingham School has 150 students |
| Oct. 8, 1909 | West Asheville Bridge bids in |
| Oct. 9, 1909 | 3 bids for high bridge considered by commissioners |
| Oct. 13, 1909 | West Asheville gets K.P. lodge |
| Oct. 22, 1909 | Auto strikes buggy in West Asheville |
| Nov. 3, 1909 | Can't buy terminal for "high" bridge |
| Nov. 11, 1909 | Want new bridge location selected |
| Nov. 17, 1909 | Will build bridge at original site |
| Nov. 26, 1909 | Bingham wins prep championship |
| Dec. 8, 1909 | Bridge contract practically let |

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——Bradley J M*
——Bradley N A Mrs
——Brewer Geo (c)*
——Britt Wm*
——Brooks A H*
——Brown A E Rev*
——Brown H A*
——Brownson W C Dr*
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——Burnsides M L*
——Candler Saml*
——Carrington Jesse (c)*
——Chambers C J*
——Clapp Mary Mrs
——Clarke A E*
——Clarke J E*
——Deaver R M*
——Farrell J G*
——Fletcher W E*
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——Fricks L T,* grocer
——Goins Alex*
——Goodson C H*
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——Graves John (c)*
——Gray John (c)*
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——Greenlee Wm (c)*
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——Martin Geo*
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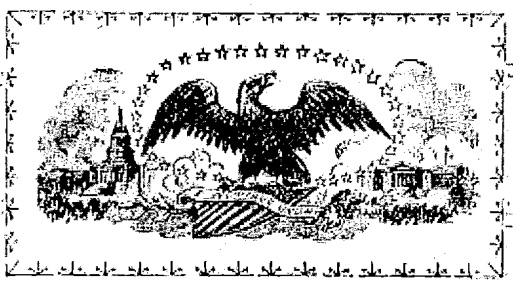

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Southwick C H*
Stroup E*
Swan Jane (c)
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Wills R (c),* grocer
Wilson J (c)*
Worley W M*
Worley R M Mrs
Young J W (c)*
Young W (c)*

## WILLIAM STREET

First north of Hill, runs from Atkinson north to limits

20 T Few (c)*
61 B Patrick*
100 J B Ward*

## WILLIAMS STREET

Second south of Patton ave, runs from Bailey w to Grove

## WILLOW STREET

(Also known as Aston) First south of Patton ave, runs from S Main west to Church

9 E Vernon (c), shoemkr
9 B Greenlee (c), barber
11 Brown & Swink, wheelwrights
15-19 Chambers, Weaver & Co Stables
(Lexington ave intersects)
18 Julius Houston (c)*
20 Edw Russell (c)*
25 J C Swink,* blksmith
33 Rev Chas W Byrd*
S E cor Church Trinity Ch

## WOODFIN STREET

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2 A Mills (c)*
(N Main intersects)
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9 P N Thompson (c)*
21 Mrs T E Reynolds
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35 G L Guischard*
42 M Zageir*
42 M F Hampton*
42 Mrs M M Orr
47 T I Van Gilder*
(Spruce intersects)
52 W W Britt*
58 A F Hensley*
58 A E Morris*
60 Vacant
(Spruce intersects)
61 P V Shoe*
61 A E Broyles*
62 L V Boyd,* grocer
62 Robt Salsbee*
62 J C Gentry*
62 Newton Welch*
(Second Floor)
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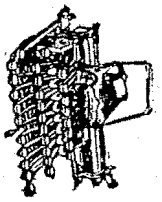

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# SCHOOL FUND'S APPORTIONMENT

## Made by the Board of Directors of Education.

## The Amount to be Received by Each Township.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE CONDUCT OF THE COUNTY SCHOOLS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

The net apportionment for the public schools of Buncombe county for the term of 1900 and 1901, as made by the Directors of Education at their meeting January 8 and 9, is given below. In making the statement "net" reference is made to the amount apportioned after paying all expenses for collecting and disbursing due to proper officers and deducting the amount due the graded schools of Asheville on a per capita of 3,833 pupils of $1.95:

APPORTIONMENT 1900-1901.

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| Apportionment per capita on 15050 at $1.95 | | $29,357.50 |
| Less per capita on 3,833 city schools | | 7,474.35 |
| | | $21,883.15 |
| Amt. State gift 1900 less treas. com... | $2220.97 | |
| Less city schools' per capita | 552.78 | 1,668.19 |
| Amt. note due from Co. Com'rs Jan. 1, 1900 | | 1,500.00 |
| Estimat'd amt. State gift 1901 less treas. com | $2205.00 | |
| Less city school per capita | 564.54 | 1,650.46 |
| Total net available | | $26,701.80 |
| Amt. necessary for schools for seven months | | 24,216.20 |
| Net balance | | $ 2,485.60 |
| Gross balance | | |
| Five notes $1500 each, due 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905 | | 7,500.00 |

BY TOWNSHIPS.

Apportionment per capita to each township for schools to be used exclusively in teaching for the school term of 1900 and 1901:

| | Township. | Census 1899 | App |
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| 1 | Avery's Creek | 247 | $ 536.67 |
| 2 | Lower Hominy | 451 | 978.08 |
| 3 | Upper Hominy | 918 | 1,980.87 |
| 4 | Leicester | 1624 | 3,521.97 |
| 5 | Sandy Mush | 568 | 1,231.82 |
| 6 | Limestone | 462 | 1,001.84 |
| 7 | Fairview | 575 | 1,247.00 |
| 8 | Swannanoa | 603 | 1,307.73 |
| 9 | Asheville | 2069 | 4,487.04 |
| 10 | Reems Creek | 843 | 1,728.31 |
| 11 | French Broad | 610 | 1,322.91 |
| 12 | Black Mpuntain | 521 | 1,129.89 |
| 13 | Ivy | 1052 | 2,281.47 |
| 14 | Flat Creek | 674 | 1,461.70 |
| | | | 24,216.20 |

On a per capita of $2.1687

EXPENSES LAST YEAR.

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| Total expenses for the year to Jan. 1, 1900, including every character of expense whatever of the system excepting teachers' salaries | $ 2,029.45 |
| Total expense of teaching seven months' term, including pupil teachers in large schools | 24,632.59 |
| Total | $26,662.04 |

As was done in the past year, all money apportioned is exclusively for teaching. No expenditures of money for any other purpose will be allowed, unless authorized by the County Superintendent and approved before payment by the chairman of the Board of Directors of Education.

In conducting the school system during the past year the Directors and the County Superintendent have done so with an eye single to the bettering of the system. In many ways they have varied materially in the manner of management. Markedly different from the past, but the result of a length of term probably never known before in the entire State; an average salary to teachers never before paid; the comfortable condition of the schools and, above all, in the immense reduction of the expenses in every department of the work, yet accomplishing so much with the small amount expended, all assure them of the beneficial result of the change.

The Board have arranged a settlement with the County Commissioners for the amount due by them to the school fund of $9000, but as yet, have not made use of any of it, using, for the greater part, only the money apportioned by their predecessors, and that by over-using of the former year, $1,300 short, they have found that, by proper and at the same time closely observed economy, they have almost entirely carried on the schools and all of the current expenses with very little more than has heretofore been used with such short terms of school. This shows conclusively that with a system of economy in the management of the finances, even the limited resources of the public school system can be made to do better service and give longer terms of school.

By order of the Board of Directors of Education.

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# HORSELESS CARRIAGE MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

## IT IS AN ADVERTISER, AND CUTS THE WIND AT A FORTY MILES AN HOUR GAIT.

The newest steed turned up in Asheville this morning. It doesn't shy at trolly cars, and it stands anywhere without hitching. As a mover none of the famous kings or queens of the turf can touch it. "It" is a locomobile—the first seen in Asheville and the second brought to North Carolina. Asheville people, usually first in everything new in the vehicle line, are a bit behind on the loco and the auto, and so it was that the new steed's appearance attracted attention like unto that won by one of the swarm of "funny farmer bands" we have had here lately.

The loco was brought here by W. S. Dorr, who employs this up to date style in advertising Colgate & Co.'s Octagon soap. The first Asheville man to take a trip on the steed was Grocer Clarence Sawyer. The trip was over Patton avenue, and when the steel "animule" got down to work it bowled along at a 30 miles an hour clip. Mr. Sawyer held on to his hat and wanted to yell, but refrained through fear of attracting a crowd.

The loco was then driven to The Citizen office, where one of the force was coaxed onto the seat after the first terrible paroxysm of fear had subsided and he had been blindfolded. Mr. Dorr turned the loco's nose down South Main—and what happened in the following moments made the unbroken excursionist wonder whether he would be dumped into the Swannanoa or plunged headlong through Hendersonville.

But neither was on the program. People lined up on the sidewalk as the English people did on the occasion of the queen's recent visit to London, but if there were any delirious shouts the excursionist doesn't recall them. One colored woman carrying a market basket came near unjointing her neck in giving the loco all the street it wanted, and some drivers dismounted to hold their horses as the steed of steel flew by. Usually they didn't have time to do this, for it was "clang," "whizz" and a horseless vehicle was seen speeding away down the street as if somebody's life depended on it.

The trip was made beautifully, and the excursionist returned to the shop a breathless but happier man. He had "rid" on one of the "hossless kerridges" and was proud of it.

The loco weighs 600 pounds, was made by the Locomobile company of America, and cost $1000. It is a gasoline machine, and can attain a speed of 40 miles an hour. It runs at a cost of less than one cent a mile.

Mr. Dorr expects to remain in Asheville a week advertising Octagon soap by the locomobile process. He has never been "scorched," but he has driven horseless vehicles, coaches, [illegible]

Asheville Citizen March 12, 1900

# ASHEVILLE GETS ANOTHER SCHOOL

## The Institution Is To Be Located Near Sulphur Springs.

## First of the Buildings To Be Ready By September 1.

THE PRINCIPALS ARE NEWTON MITCHELL ANDERSON AND CHAS. ANDREWS MITCHELL OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

The final arrangements have been made to plans which will insure to Asheville one of the most important educational institutions in the state.

The two former principals of the University School of Cleveland, O., will establish a school on similar lines a few miles from here in the direction of Sulphur Springs, to be known as "Asheville School." Work on the buildings will begin at once and will be hastened as much as possible, as it is the intention to have the sessions of the school open in the early fall. The two principals are Newton Mitchell Anderson and Charles Andrews Mitchell. They were principals of the university school from 1890 until last year.

The first move in connection with the establishment of the school here was the visit of Mr. Anderson to Asheville last July. Mr. Anderson met E. B. Atkinson of Natt Atkinson's Sons' company's real estate agency, and told him of his plans, and the negotiations for the necessary land have since been conducted through this firm.

Mr. Anderson had previously looked all over the country for a suitable location, and had decided that Asheville was the most preferable. A number of sites near the city were investigated. A location about four miles from here in the direction of Weaverville was very favorably considered for a time, but was finally abandoned in favor of the Sulphur Springs site, as the latter had better railroad and other facilities, and the scenery and the land itself were preferable.

### THE SITE.

The site for the main buildings will be on a beautiful eminence about 1000 feet west of Sulphur Springs. The land was purchased from H. Batterham. In addition to this about 240 acres near by was secured from the Asheville Electric company. The buildings will command a magnificent view, and will be surrounded by a grove of oaks. The best landscape artists will be employed to beautify the grounds.

The main buildings will be three in number, and, including verandas, the length of each will 230 feet. The lower part of the buildings will be brick and the upper stories will be constructed of frame construction with cement finish. One of the buildings will be ready for occupancy by September 1.

The buildings will be of pleasing architecture, substantial in material and construction and tasteful in finish. They will be heated by steam, lighted by electricity and equipped with an excellent system of ventilation.

The teachers will be selected with reference to their recognized ability. All the teachers of the upper forms will be college graduates who have had successful experience. The teachers of the lower forms will be women who have had thorough training. The school will not be connected with any particular denomination, though prayers of the Episcopal service will be read at the opening of the school each day. There will be a service Sunday mornings and Bible class Sunday afternoons.

### FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN.

The school will be for boys and young men. To be admitted to the lowest grade students must not be less than nine years of age. For the last four forms there will be two courses of study, the classical and the scientific. The classical course will prepare boys to enter any college or university. The scientific course will prepare boys for technical schools, and give a thorough English education to those who go immediately into business.

The tuition fee will cover the living expenses except for clothing, and all school expenses except for books and stationery.

The efforts of Mr. Atkinson have been an important factor in bringing the school to Asheville. Asheville is indebted to him for the part he has taken in the matter, as he has worked energetically for nearly a year to bring the matter to a successful termination.

Mr. Anderson and his family, consisting of his father, mother and sister, are here to reside permanently.

Asheville Citizen April 23, 1900

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## FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN.

The school will be for boys and young men. To be admitted to the lowest grade students must not be less than nine years of age. For the last four forms there will be two courses of study, the classical and the scientific. The classical course will prepare boys to enter any college or university. The scientific course will prepare boys for technical schools, and give a thorough English education to those who go immediately into business.

The tuition fee will cover the living expenses except for clothing, and all school expenses except for books and stationery.

The efforts of Mr. Atkinson have been an important factor in bringing the school to Asheville. Asheville is indebted to him for the part he has taken in the matter, as he has worked energetically for nearly a year to bring the matter to a successful termination.

Mr. Anderson and his family, consisting of his father, mother and sister, are here to reside permanently.

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# CANOES FOR ASHEVILLE SCHOOL

## HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE POOL ABOVE THE UPPER DAM.

### Swimming Pool for Boys Quarter of a Mile Long.

### Asheville School Ranks Very High Among Institutions of Learning—The Main Building is Nearing Completion —Carefully Designed.

Some five months ago clearing was begun in the woods about five miles out on the Murphy railroad line. There is now in operation on that property a

By the end of this week there will be forty-eight boys in attendance at the school. Messrs. Anderson and Mitchell have decided not to receive more than

is now in operation on that property a school which in thoroughness of plan deserves a high rank among the schools of the whole country. Many are of course aware that there is such an institution as the Asheville school, and that it is a pretty big thing; but they may not yet have learned the details of the work that has been accomplished or of the comprehensive improvements that are under way.

One item of very general interest is the construction of a new dam on Hominy creek. There are at present two dams on that stream, one above Inanda and the other some distance lower down. The latter is about twelve feet high. The new dam will be a short distance higher up the stream than this, and will be twenty-four feet high, and make an irregular shaped lake of very considerable length and varying in width up to eight or nine hundred yards.

The power thus generated will be used by the General Electric company, the school having the use of the boating and general sporting facilities of the lake. The school has bought a great deal of the land that is to be submerged, and the Electric company owns the rest. Clearing has already been begun on the Hominy bottom lands. The new dam will be completed in sixty days.

Canoes for the school have arrived and have been placed on the pool above the upper dam. Meanwhile a twelve-foot dam has been erected on Ragsdale creek, forming a swimming pool for the boys, which is a quarter of a mile long and from one hundred to two hundred feet wide. Golf and football will also be among the sports, though the golf links have not yet been laid out.

have decided not to receive more than fifty, at any rate not before Christmas, unless the applicants should happen to fit exactly into a part of the course where there is room for them. No more will be received in the two upper grades.

The main building is nearing completion. The workmen will be on hand for some time, but this will not prevent the school program from being carried out. The building is thoroughly well built and very carefully designed. One feature is the admirable arrangement of the plumbing. In numerous details are evidences of careful forethought. The rooms and alcoves are well arranged; the desks provided for the boys are real business desks, each one having an adjustable chair. The dining hall, to the rear of the main building, is a pleasant room, with 10 double windows, and like the main building is lighted by electricity and will be heated by steam.

It would have been difficult to find a better location for the school than the Sulphur Springs neighborhood; and the improvements already made, together with those that are to follow, will greatly help in building up that suburb of Asheville.

# BIG DEAL IN REALTY.

## PURCHASES BY ROBERT L. GARRETT NEAR SULPHUR SPRINGS.

For several weeks a rumor has been current in Asheville that a real estate deal of considerable magnitude was in prospect in the vicinity of the city.

About two months ago Robert L. Garrett secured options on a boundary situated in the neighborhood of Sulphur Springs, about four miles from Asheville. Surveying parties have been engaged for several weeks in making an accurate map of the various tracts of land covered by the options. This work has but recently been completed, and transferred to Mr. Garrett several farms, consisting of 500 or 600 acres, the consideration amounting to $18,000 or $20,000.

"For whom is Mr. Garrett buying all this property?" was asked of real estate men. Their reply averaged up something like "Vanderbilt, of course."

It has been rumored, naturally, that the purchase is for Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt. It has also been rumored that the purchaser is Charles McNamee. It is worthy of note that the area included lies contiguous to property already held by Mr. Vanderbilt.

It is said that something like $75,000 will be expended.

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# RAILWAY SITUATION SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

## Mud and Water Washed Out of the Way for Trains to Pass Some Distance Each Way.

## Additional Disaster to Pumping Plant Continues the Local Water Famine.

The Southern railway tie-up in this vicinity caused by the great flood is gradually being disentangled, and the situation is slightly improved, though through trains are running in only one direction out of Asheville, and communication east, the main traffic line, is still completely cut off.

Bad as the railroad and mail situation is, the inconvenience in the city is nothing compared to the distress caused by the shutdown of the city water plant. The water was running part of the time yesterday afternoon and last night, and it was hoped to have it moving continuously, but the pipes were dry this morning. The department is leaving nothing undone to start the water flowing again.

On the Southern, No. 12 for Salisbury left this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It will go only as far as Terrell's, it is expected, and will return. No. 11 for Knoxville left on time today at 3:10. No. 19 for Murphy left at 3:45, on time. It will go only as far as Balsam, and return. On the Spartanburg road beyond Hendersonville the trains are running regularly. Between here and Hendersonville the tracks are torn to pieces for long distances. Trains are running regularly between Statesville and Salisbury. It is hoped that by tomorrow afternoon the schedule from here to Hendersonville can be resumed.

The most startling thing to passengers who wished to reach Charlotte and the north by way of Spartanburg was the washout of the bridge over the Catawba river. This does not entirely block the main line, as the line by way of Columbia and Greenville can be used for all the through trains with very little delay.

At Log Lick cut, on the top of the Blue Ride, there is a washout of several hundred feet, and at several places down the mountain there are washouts fully as long. Slides at various places have covered the tracks for hundreds of feet. No. 11, due here Monday, is still between the slides, and it is not expected that it can be cleared before late tomorrow. Work trains are working towards them from Biltmore, and will not quit the work until the train is reached. There is another washout at Old Fort about 300 feet long. On some of the fills the dirt has been washed away so that the track has sagged 20 feet in the middle.

Roberts' fill on the A. & S. has been washed out. The fill is 80 feet deep and more than that in length. There have been 200 men employed in track work, but a number of them were taken off this morning to work on the Catawba bridge on the main line.

Superintendent Loyall, Train Master Newell, Bridge Superintendent Woodard and Road Master Walton have been out on the line ever since the first trouble, and will remain out with the workmen until traffic can be resumed.

The overflow of the flood into the race track at Riverside park has unloaded a bonanza of fishing joy. Since early morning the pond has been waded by hundreds of men and boys in chase of carp stranded by the receding waters, and hundreds of pounds of fish have been captured. At 2 o'clock this afternoon two boys came up from the park with a string that tilted the scales at 60 pounds. Another sportsman showed a big fellow of 12 pounds that gave two hours of hard work in his catching.

### CITY WATER SIGNAL.

If the city water is turned on and the fire-alarm strikes three strokes, it will be a signal that the water will be turned off in half an hour. This plan of notification may have to be kept up for several days until affairs are in better shape.

The situation at the pumping station of the city water works continues very serious. The flood of water which overran everything filled the machinery so full of sand that it is impossible to run the pumps long at a time. The immediate cause of no water today is the bursting of the main leading form the pumping station to the standpipe at a joint on R&W creek. It was expected that this would be repaired so that the water could be turned on during the afternoon.

### THE MAILS.

The Asheville postoffice has adopted the remarkable custom of sending the eastern mails west and receiving the eastern matter from the opposite direction, and the force is glad to be able to accomplish that much. The first mail of the day was received yesterday evening at 6:30, which came from Knoxville. Then another mail arrived from the same direction at 6:30 this morning. A train on the Asheville & Spartanburg road arrived at 5 o'clock, and one was to go out this afternoon at 3:45. A train from the west was expected at 3 o'clock, and was to return immediately. All mail for points east and south is being sent by way of Knoxville. The connection between Spartanburg and Charlotte has been broken on account of the bridge over the Catawba river falling in. This accident took place last night. It is probable that all the northern mail will have to be sent by way of Cincinnati, as the connections between Knoxville and the north are broken.

All of the Asheville-bound mail from the north is at Hendersonville. It came around by Spartanburg, but will

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### A PERILOUS TRIP.

Among the passengers who came through on the first train yesterday afternoon from the west were Mrs. J. H. Williams and daughter, Miss Annie, who were returning from a three months' trip to California. They had a thrilling experience at Leadville bridge just a short distance east of White Pine, Tenn. They reached that point about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when it was found that the track there was out of sight beneath several feet of water that was raging something like the surf on the ocean. The surface was covered with white caps. Notwithstanding all this the train plunged in the flood while the passengers experienced the fright of their lives in the fear that the track would give way at any moment. The water rose in the Pullmans so that the floor was awash, but the worst of it was that the fires were extinguished in the engine and the train was stalled with water on every side. The crew met the emergency by piling cordwood on the firebox floor and building fire on top, and in this way raising it above the water level. Steam was finally raised and the train pulled to safety after half an hour of the very greatest danger to the passengers.

With the exception of this incident Mrs. and Miss Williams had a most delightful trip across the continent. While absent they spent the time in Los Angeles, San Diego and the seaside resorts where the found the weather at springtime temperature all during their stay. They were in Los Angeles during President McKinley's visit and enjoyed the occasion immensely. The flower parade was a thing of beauty. The president's carriage was decorated with 10,000 carnation, and it required an hour for the parade to pass. The Chinese residents carried an immense dragon in the parade. Among the former Asheville folk that were encountered were Gen. Johnson Jones, who is assistant district attorney there, and Jordan Stone, formerly of The Citizen.

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# 120 ENROLLED.

## BINGHAM SCHOOL HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Asheville's own military school, Bingham, in which the whole plateau naturally takes considerable pride, has opened this year more strongly than any time for 20 years.

All the available space is occupied by pupils from 20 states, and the new possessions in Cuba and the Philippine Islands. Additional accommodations will have to be provided, or pupils will of necessity have to be refused.

This result is due largely from the reputation which one might expect from a school of this standing and work in the past, which would be bound to attract attention to the Asheville plateau.

The classes are all organized and the military work will begin at once.

The chances for successful athletics are the best, as there is a fine crowd this year. Especially in football is there great enthusiasm. Under the guidance of Captain Hamilton Brown, who has charge of that department. He was for three years the center rush on the Vanderbilt university team. His photograph was in Harper's Weekly during this time and he was spoken of as the best athlete in the Southern states. He has had success in coaching football teams and has some very good material to mould into a team, in fact, the best for years. And all athletics have as good prospects.

There are over 120 pupils now enrolled and 80 of them are recruits. Everything looks better than ever for Bingham this year.

## THE LONG DISTANCE 'PHONE.

The American Bell Telephone company, which has put into operation a [redacted] reaching out to important towns off the line. A line connecting at the Bell central office at Spartanburg will be built to Union, which will put that town in touch with all the cities of the Atlantic side of the country. Poles have been ordered and the construction will be commenced in a few weeks. The Asheville line has reached the upper part of Spartanburg county. Spartanburg will be quite a center in the long distance talking business.

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# ROUTES FOR FREE RURAL DELIVERY

## Four Carriers Will Begin December 2—Bingham to Have 2 Mails

Postmaster Rollins has received from the postoffice department instructions regarding the first roral delivery to be established here. There will be four carriers at first: William H. Masters, Robert T. Poor, Olive L. Fitzgerald and James E. Hall, with Earnest N. Nelson and Arthur B. Hall substitutes. The salary is $500 per year, which includes horse hire.

The deliveries will begin December 2. Before that time each person to be accommodated with delivery must put up boxes for the mail. These boxes are to be purchased by the people and when once purchased are their private property, and entail no more expense. Postmaster Rollins has a number of sample boxes, accepted by the government, on exhibition in his office and there patrons may see them and order. The prices range from $1.25 up. They are fitted with locks and keys, are rain proof and are protected by the government just as postoffice and collection boxes are. Penalties are imposed for interfering with them in the same manner as in the case of collection boxes. As many persons as wish may club together and purchase one box and get their mail in it or several may purchase the same kind, getting a discount thus. Unless boxes are put up carriers are not allowed to leave mail for them.

Carriers are not allowed to become agents for express companies, etc., but may accept private commissions to purchase such articles as will not interfere with the regular and faithful discharge of their duties. They also act as news agents, delivering papers and selling them.

In addition to the delivery, collection boxes will be put up on each route. Patrons may leave mail in their boxes for collection and others will be established as follows:

On the first route, at Woolsey, Grace, Howland, Justus, DuBose and Penland's store.

On the second at Beaucatcher mountain, Johnson's store, Hills, forks of the road at the Farm school, and the water works.

On the third at Beaver Hall, Wells' store, Logan's mill, Ledford's and Asheville school.

On the fourth at Bingham, Success, Clouch's Branch, Juno, and Gilmboy road.

Carriers may also carry stamps and register letters and take money for money orders.

### THE FOUR ROUTES.

William H. Masters is the carrier for the first route. He serves 660 people, travels 23¼ miles, covering 19½ square miles with 223 houses. His route runs as follows:

Starting from the postoffice, out College and Water streets, Merrimon avenue, Beaverdam road, north via Westall's and Grace school 3 miles, south along Sunset drive 1 mile, on Charlotte street to the Kimberly road 2½ miles, east to Sunset ½ mile, north along Sunset to Spoke's branch road 2½ miles northwest along this road to Beaverdam 1 mile, east to Rice branch ½ mile, south along Rice branch to Bradley's ½ mile, north along Beaverdam road ¼ mile, east to Justus place ½ mile, west to Reems creek road 2 miles, north to Will Baird's ½ mile, south west to Weaverville road near Grace ½ mile, northwest along the Weaverville road to the top of DuBose Hill 3½ miles, south along the Weaverville and Burnsville roads, North Main, Water and College streets.

Robert F. Poor is the carrier for the second route. He serves 480 people, travels 26¼ miles, covers 11½ square miles, with 163 houses. His route is as follows:

East from the postoffice along College street to the top of Beaucatcher mountain, 1½ miles, south to Hildebrand's, ½ mile, north up Chunn's Cove to Neighbors 2 miles, south via Armstrong's to Hildebrand's 2 miles, southeast to Johnson's store 1-4 miles, northeast to Hill's 1 mile, north along Haw creek road to David Cordell's 1 3-4 miles, south to Hill's farm 1 2 miles, east to the forks of the road to the camp grounds ½ mile, along Grassy Branch and [illegible] roads to Riceville 5 miles, northeast forks of road ne[illegible] Hill Creek miles, southw[illegible] ...s southeast to road to [illegible] Farm school 1 3-4 along [illegible] with old Swannanoa ber[illegible] ...ater works 1½ miles, east ...e Swannanoa road to Cheesborough's 2 miles, northeast via Johnson's to Beaucatcher Gap 1 3-4 miles, west along College street to the postoffice, 1¼ miles.

Olive Fitzgerald is carrier for the third route. He serves 780 people, travels 23 3-4 miles, covers 12 1-8 square miles with 268 houses. His route is as follows:

West down Patton avenue, West Haywood and Spring streets to the Waynesville road 1¼ miles, southwest via Beaver Hall, along Beaver road to Logan street, 2 miles, thence north to Beaver Hall ½ mile, south to the Patterson place ½ mile, west to the Clapp place ½ mile, south to Starnes mill ¼ mile northwest along the Emma road via Logan's mill across Smith creek [illegible] ...ads 1¼ miles, south to Waynesville road 1 mile, northwest via West Asheville station and the Johnson place at the railroad crossing to the Jerry Rich place 3 miles, south via Ledford's (retrace 1-8 mile) and Pell's (retrace ⅛ mile) to the Haywood road at the railroad crossing at Smith's store 3½ miles, south with the Asheville school road to the school 1 1-4 miles, southeast via McKune house, to the Power house 2 ½ miles, north to West Asheville station 1⅛ miles, south via Carriers to the river road 1 mile, east along the river road and Lyman's drive to the Carrier bridge, 1¼ miles, north along Lyman drive to Beaver Hall 1 3-4 miles, east crossing the bridge up Patton avenue to the postoffice 1¼ mile.

James E. Hall is the carrier for the fourth route. He travels 26¼ miles, covering 16 square miles, with 621 houses. His route is as follows:

From the postoffice up Haywood, Montford and Pearson drive, 2¼ miles, southeast via Bingham Heights to Emma 2 miles, northwest to Gooch's branch along the direct road to Leicester 6¾ miles, southeast via Bingham to Smith's bridge, across the French Broad 8 miles, northeast over Spring and West Haywood streets, to the postoffice 1¼ miles, northwest along Haywood, Montford and Pearson drive 2¼ miles, southeast via Bingham Heights to Smith's bridge across French Broad river 2 miles northeast along Spring and West Haywood street to the postoffice 1¼ miles.

This latter route gives Bingham two mails a day. On the first trip the carrier goes up the French Broad river on the west side and in the afternoon on the east side.

As the system grows more routes will be added. The star route to Fletcher will also be discontinued after the delivery service is well established, as carrier No. 3 goes that far. Carriers also carry mail for connecting points.

The deliveries are every day in the week except Sunday, regardless of weather conditions, by which it is easily seen that the work may be monotonous at times.

Postmaster Rollins urges on everyone in the district already planned the need of getting boxes at once and making the work as easy as possible for the authorities.

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**Flour Mills – 1**
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**Grocers – 2**
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J N Jarrett
**Pastors - 0**
**Physicians - 2**
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Dr. P.B. Orr
**Schools, Academies, and Colleges - 4**
Asheville School
Bingham School
Johnson Graded School
West Asheville High School

***12 African-American households listed out of 121 total**

# Street Car Schedules.

## The Following Schedules will go into Effect Sunday, Oct. 26, 1901.

### RAILWAY DEPOT AND PUBLIC SQUARE.

| Leave Square for Depot. | Leave Depot for Square. |
|---|---|
| 6:30 a. m. | 6:45 a. m. |
| 6:45 a. m. | 7:00 a. m. |
| 7:00 a. m. | 7:15 a. m. |
| and every 15 minutes thereafter until | |
| 8:45 p. m. | 9:00 p. m. |
| 9:00 p. m. | 9:15 p. m. |
| 9:15 p. m. | 9:30 p. m. |
| 10:00 p. m. | 10:15 p. m. |

10:45 p. m. Sat'days only 11:00 p. m.
11:30 p. m. Sat'days only 11:45 p. m.

Sundays first car leaves square for depot at 9 a. m.; first car leaves depot for square 9:15 a. m.

### NORTH MAIN STREET AND LOOKOUT LINE.

| Leave Square for Lookout. | Leave Lookout for Square. |
|---|---|
| 6:30 a. m. | 6:45 a. m. |
| 7:00 a. m. | 7:15 a. m. |
| and every 15 mintes thereafter until | |
| 9:00 p. m. | 9:15 p. m. |
| 9:30 p. m. | 9:45 p. m. |
| 10:00 p. m. | 10:15 p. m. |

10:30 p. m. Sat'days only 10:45 p. m.
11:00 p. m. Sat'days only 11:15 p. m.

### BILTMORE LINE.

| Leave square for Biltmore. | Leave Biltmore for Square. |
|---|---|
| 6:45 a. m. | 7:00 a. m. |
| 7:00 a. m. | 7:15 a. m. |
| 7:15 a. m. | 7:30 a. m. |
| and every 15 minutes thereafter until | |
| 8:45 p. m. | 8:45 p. m. |
| 9:00 p. m. | 9:00 p. m. |
| 9:30 p. m. | 10:15 p. m. |
| 10:00 p. m. | |

10:30 p. m. Sat'days only 10:45 p. m.
11:00 p. m. Sat'days only 11:15 p. m.
Sundays first car leaves square 8:45

### PATTON AVENUE AND PUBLIC SQUARE.

| Leave Square for Patton ave. | Leave Patton ave. for Square. |
|---|---|
| 7:15 a. m. | 7:22 a. m. |
| 7:30 a. m. | 7:37 a. m. |
| 7:45 a. m. | 7:52 a. m. |
| and every 15 minutes thereafter until | |
| 8:45 p. m. | 8:52 p. m. |
| 9:00 p. m. | 9:01 p. m. |
| 9:45 p. m. | 9:52 p. m. |

10:30 p. m. Sat'days only 10:37 p. m.
11:15 p. m. Sat'days only 11:22 p. m.
Sundays first car leaves square for Patton avenue 9 a. m.; first car leaves Patton avenue 9:07 a. m.

### CHARLOTTE STREET LINE.

Leave Square for Charlotte street.
7:00 a. m.
7:15 a. m.
and every 15 minues thereafter until
9:45 p. m.
10:00 p. m.
10:15 p. m.

10:30 p. m. Saturdays only.
10:45 p. m. Saturdays only.
Early and late cars run only Manor entrance.
First car to Golf Club leaves square 9:00 a. m.
Last car to Golf Club leaves square 6:45 p. m.
Last car from Golf Club 7 p. m.
Sundays first car leaves square 9:00 a. m.

### MONTFORD AVENUE LINE.

| Leave Square for Riverside. | Leave Riverside for Square. |
|---|---|
| 7:00 a. m. | 6:40 a. m. |
| 7:40 a. m. | 7:20 a. m. |
| 8:00 a. m. | 8:00 a. m. |
| 8:20 a. m. | 8:20 a. m. |
| and every 15 minutes thereafter until | |
| 8:20 p. m. | 8:20 p. m. |
| 8:40 p. m. | 8:40 p. m. |
| 9:20 p. m. | 9:00 p. m. |
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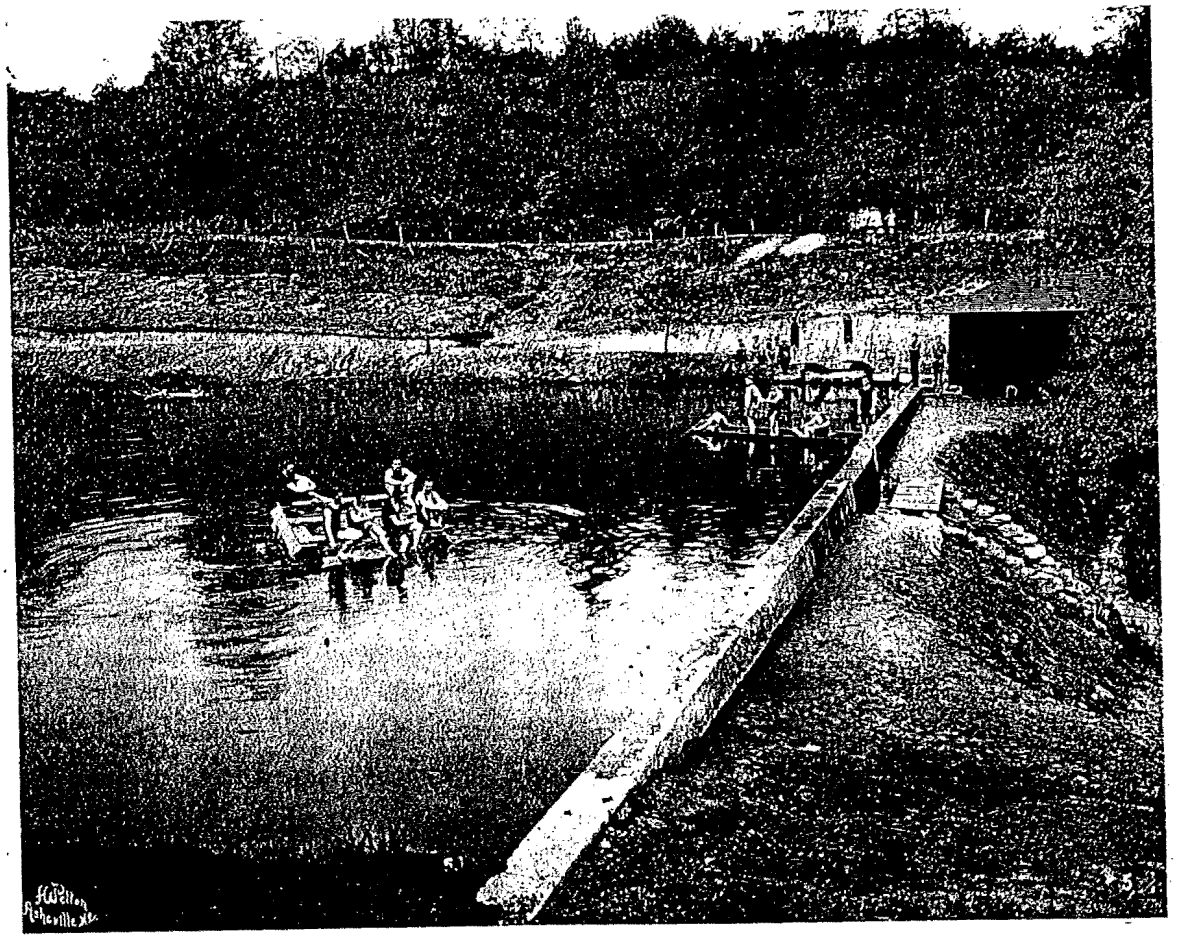
# CAMP TAHKEEOSTEE

*CALLED AFTER THE INDIAN NAME OF THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER*

## A CENTRALLY LOCATED SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



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*Address* CAMP TAHKEEOSTEE
R. F. D. No. 4, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

## 1.—THE CALL FOR SUCH A CAMP

A centrally located **Summer Camp,** in Western North Carolina, where boys can be **Safely** and **Sanely** accounted for during the heated term, has been a desideratum to parents summering in these mountains or elsewhere, and wishing, during their absence from home, to keep their boys out of **Hotels** and **Boarding Houses,** and yet in some place easy of access, and **Under Supervision;** and some parents who do not leave home themselves, may wish a change of climate and surroundings for their sons.

## 2.—THE LOCATION OF THE CAMP

The **Location** of the Camp is ideal. It is not in some isolated and inaccessible place off in the woods with no shelter except tents and with limited provision for **Amusement;** but it is in touch with telephones, telegraphs, markets and skilled physicians in case of sudden sickness or accident; for it uses the Bingham School Plant, which is on the Asheville Plateau, three miles from the city; and so it has an organized **Kitchen Garden,** an organized **Dairy,** an excellent equipment for **Games** and **Athletic Sports,** and has access to an excellent market.

It also affords access to the various **Churches on Sunday;** and parents wishing to **visit** their sons can find ample accommodations in the city, and so can the families of the teachers connected with the Camp.

## 3.—THE PURPOSE OF THE CAMP

The purpose of the **Camp** is **Genuine Fun,** where **Boys** may be **Boys,** with only let and hindrance enough to keep them out of **Harm's Way;** but **"Coaching"** on any study may be had if parents wish to provide for it.

In case of sickness or accident skilled physicians are only three miles off, and may be called at the expense of parents. But such cases are very rare.

## 4.—REGULATIONS OF THE CAMP

**Obedience** to the Superintendent and Teachers, **Promptness** at meals, **Promptness** in going to bed at the stipulated hour and **Gentlemanly Conduct** at all times are required. Failure to comply to these simple and necessary requirements involves forfeiture of membership fees and leaving the premises at once.

The management will do what can be done to prevent the use of tobacco except when licensed by parents, and a persistent cigarette smoker will be dismissed.

## 5.—THE SPORTS OFFERED

The **Sports** offered are **Swimming** in the Lake, **Base-ball, Tennis** on three **Courts, Basket-ball, Hand-ball,** and **Pool** on four tables at the regular rate per cue (as in all the best Y. M. C. A. Buildings), all on the premises. These amusements afford excellent and entertaining exercise, with a neat **Gold Medal** for the highest score in each case, and a blue ribbon for the next highest score.

It will be noticed that most of the sports offered are out of doors. This fact should attract prospective college students who have ambition along athletic lines; for these whole-

some outdoor pastimes are excellent preparatory training for college athletics; and are at the same time very enjoyable and invigorating.

Besides these sports, the proximity of Riverside Park, 2½ miles from the city and at the foot of Bingham Hill, adds **Boating** on the Company's Lake, **Roller Skating,** and **Bowling,** all at the Company's rates, with **Free Moving Pictures** and **Fireworks** at night, and this relieves the dullness and monotony of the evenings in a **Camp** off in the woods, and therefore out of touch with many forms of harmless entertainment. Two of our teachers who have carried boys to an isolated camp say that the dullness of the evenings in such a camp is almost intolerable.

## 6.—BOTH TENTS AND HOUSES OFFERED

Members of the **Camp** may choose between **Tents** and Cadet Quarters, with a **Roof** over their heads. **The preference of each member of the camp must be expressed in time to get the tents called for;** but any one who has tried a **tent** in bad weather prefers a house.

The writer saw a party of **Boy Scouts** summer before last who had abandoned their tents for a roof under stress of weather, and they said that they would never try tents again if they could help it. A number of camps in the North publish that they no longer use tents.

## 7.—THINGS WHICH SHOULD BE BROUGHT FROM HOME

The management furnishes **chairs,** a **table, spring mattress** and a **washstand;** but all **bedding,** all **toilet articles** and all **writing materials** should be brought from home or bought in the city. A raincoat or umbrella is desirable. Khaki coats and trousers and colored shirts, such as are worn to hunt in, are suggested, being very suitable for "roughing it," though any half-worn summer clothing will serve the purpose except for attendance at church on Sunday. **Bathing Suits** are indispensable, and are not carried by the dealers here.

Ball players should bring their balls, bats, rackets, suits, shoes, etc., with them. The management of the Camp does not undertake to furnish these things; but if not brought from home, they can be bought from the dealers in athletic goods here.

## 8.—EXPENSES

The charge is $100.00 for the Term, $50.00 a month, payable in advance, which is less than Board alone in any reputable hotel, **without supervision or equipment for indoor or outdoor sports.** Each one pays for any damage he may do to the property or equipment, and for his laundry.

To secure a place, a fee of $10.00 shall be paid, to be taken from the first month's board, and to be refunded if the engagement is broken for cause. If parents wish the management to handle pocket money, a special deposit must be made, with specific instructions as to amount to be paid out each week.

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The Camp covers **July** and **August.** For engagements and for any additional particulars, address **CAMP TAHKEEOSTEE, R. F. D. No. 4, Asheville, N. C.**

# GOOD SCHOOL HOUSES IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY

## Others to be Built This Spring and Weak Schools to be Combined Into Stronger Ones.

Buncombe county not only leads the state in the length of its public school term, it comes among the first in the excellence of its school buildings in the rural districts.

At Morgan Hill there is a $2,700 public school house.

An $1,100 three-room public school building is to be erected in West Asheville this spring; also one like it in Flat Rock township. In one of these two schools will be combined and in another three schools. In each of them eight grades will be taught by three teachers.

At Emma a two-room school house will be built, in which two schools will be combined and six grades will be taught by two teachers.

A school house similar to this will also be built in Ivy township. There are already three school buildings in Ivy township, which will be combined in this new school.

From the above it will be seen that Buncombe has not been neglecting her school buildings and that she is fully alive to the necessity of having comfortable houses for her public children.

Asheville Citizen February 17, 1902

# FRENCH BROAD TWO FEET ABOVE HIGH WATER MARK

## Railroad Service Badly Crippled by the Rush of Water---Trains From East Stalled at Mud Cut, From West at Marshall, For Murphy East of Waynesville, and From South at Hendersonville---One Mail In

## Business in Factory Section Demoralized, Cotton Mill Closed Down With Much Damage to Goods, Tannery Narrowly Escapes Serious Loss, Lumber, Coal, and Oil Yards Surrounded, and Residents Forced to Leave Homes

The rains descended and the floods came and the destruction and loss of property that they brought to owners here will be estimated up in the thousands.

The rain that fell nearly all day yesterday grew heavier as night came on, and by eight o'clock, the downpour was excessive. The water came in torrents and streams were soon swollen to twice their size. Creeks rushed and roared like rivers, and the inclined streets were as small, rapid streams. The thunder which had been heard at long intervals during the afternoon, grew deeper and the lightning more vivid as the evening grew older, and a high wind made itself violently felt between 9 and 11:30, when the storm was highest.

The streets were deserted early and the storm had things its own way. Everything light that came in the way during the most violent part of the night, the wind played havoc with and signs and umbrellas were torn from their fastenings and owners and sent flying. One or two chimneys were wrecked in the city.

The wind tore down the Asheville Ice and Coal Company's sign on Patton avenue and sent it crashing into the big plate glass window of the French Broad Press company. The chimney on the building at the corner of Patton and Lexington avenues was toppled as none of the regular alarms was sounded, but later it proved that a small house in Brackettown, tenanted by negroes, was burning and the crossed wires caused an irregular alarm. It was wildly rumored that Kenilworth Inn was burning. The reflection on the clouds was very bright and in the direction of Kenilworth, seeming too great for any building smaller than the Inn.

Early this morning the news of a big flood in the factory districts called hundreds of people to the river sections of the city. And the sight of high water and wreckage was well worth going to see, for the curious, yet pitiable for the unfortunate whose homes were surrounded.

At Smith's bridge the river occupied the entire space between the hills, part of the county road on the west side being completely submerged. In place of a quiet stream wild flood held away on every inch of the bottom land.

The river is nearly two feet higher than it has been for twenty-five years. Some say they can remember it having been higher, way back in '76, but few of the younger generation have ever seen the French Broad such a rushing, tearing devastating flood as it was this morning.

The bridge was lined with people and all along the railroad track were crowds of persons viewing the unusual scene.

A fringe of trees marked the rightful banks of the river and the streams on each side of the fringe were nearly as wide as the space inclosed.

The water dashed against the piers of Smith's bridge with considerable force and it was feared at one time that the structure would not stand the continued strain.

The water began rising early in the night, and soon after the danger call was put out for men to aid in assisting the submerged householders to a place of safety. Avery street was the first to need assistance, and considerable work was necessary before all the people were out of their flooded houses.

One man called for a boat to rescue his household goods from the rapidly rising water and not being able to secure it, made a craft from lumber and brought his wife and children with a few clothes and utensils, to shore. As is the custom, the people driven from the shore were taken in by their neighbors for the night.

The condition of the cotton mill this morning is worse than it has ever been. In the engine room three feet of water has almost submerged the furnaces and the entire western yard is under water.

In the warehouse where thousands of dollars' worth of woven material is stored, the water is several feet deep, and the dye house is under water almost to the tops of the windows. A dam built across from the mill to the river is either gone or submerged. The water did not get into the cotton warehouse, barely missing rising to the door sills, but the waste cotton on a platform between two houses, looking toward the people on the tracks along the shore. The crowd whistled but he did not seem to relish the swim and sat still on his unsteady refuge. A chicken coop was nearly filled with earth and weeds and the three or four inmates lay still in one corner. Half a dozen chickens roosted on a tree fifty feet from the bank and were there helpless.

The new power house was completely surrounded by water and a general mass of debris backed in by the flood.

Everything floatable was afloat and the water is several feet deep in the furnace room. In the Standard Oil company's yard the efforts of several men are turned toward the rescue of the three big mules belonging to the company. The men mounted on the high board fence were trying to push aside the empty oil barrels that were floating about the stable's closed door and gain entrance to the mules, which were standing in three feet of water.

M. B. Wilkinson's yards are flooded and all work stopped. Three freight cars being loaded in the yards of this company were entirely surrounded by a mass of timber.

Lorick & Smith saved all their stock, but several wagons were washed away.

Up by the new depot the water came to the edge of the bank where the Southern's tracks are laid. A mass of oil tin and lumber lies close to the embankment.

The view of the water's waste along the river front was at its maximum of widespread wreck when seen from the buildings of the Asheville tannery. The tannery is farther out in the flooded district than any other building, and though the damage done has not yet been estimated, it is known that it is considerable.

A plank walk has been laid from the Southern's track into the tannery yard over a mass of timber, broken wood and old iron, and the water rushes under the improvised walk as if to take it along in the rush. The water 'round the bark sheds is four feet deep and the bark submerged will be a loss as it will rot when the water subsides.

All around the main building, office and engine room, the water is three or four feet deep.

A rise of nine inches in the vat room would have meant $100,000 loss to the owners.

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The dyke built by the tannery owners by thew aters' edge has been washed away and not a vestige of the dyke will three to five feet high can be seen.

Early this morning the boarders of the inmates of the tenement houses where the tannery employees live were carried across the flooded district and placed in the dry house on the hill. About 50 men, women and children took refuge in the dry house and all of those awaiting the subsiding of the water. Breakfast was prepared for them this morning and some what previous later in the day. The smaller children seemed this morning to be rather enjoying their position as refugees.

All the furniture was left in the houses, which this morning were nearly half way under water.

From the south upstairs door of the dry house the wreckage scene was best that the iron bridge near the Woolen mills on the Reem's creek road has been washed away. All the bridges on Ivy are down except the iron one.

J. B. Leapsich of the Weaverville flouring mill has suffered about $1000 worth of damage from last night's storm. Four hundred and ten bushels of corn were washed away and much machinery damaged.

### TRACK WASHED AWAY

It is reported that the bridge at Marshall and five miles of the track have been washed away. It is impossible to give an idea of the situation west of here or just when trains from this direction will get in.

# FRENCH BROAD TWO FEET OVER LAST MARK

The estimate of the height of the Swannanoa shows that it is not so much by a foot as at last flood and that the French Broad is two feet higher.

The French Broad began rising shortly before 11 o'clock last night and by 11:15 was to Avery street.

By 1 o'clock the rapidity of the rise was alarming, but the rush d.. not come until about 2. Then the water began coming in if there had been a cloudburst and from 2 to 4 the rise was 5 feet.

A railroad man who was at the river all night said this morning that at 2 the water rose 12 inches in three minutes.

The water continued rising until about 5:30 this morning.

At 2 o'clock it had gone down a foot.

No loss of life has been reported.

# NO TRAINS RUNNING, ALL WATERBOUND

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Of course all work is at a stand still.

The carpenter rooms and the machinery is all under water. The big belt in the engine room had to be cut in order to save it from the disastrous effects of the water.

Almost the entire city force was in the factory this morning doing rescue work. During the morning, a boat containing a man and a woman with their household goods was upset and the woman had a narrow escape from drowning.

W. M. Jones' woodworking shop is surrounded by water and no work is possible there.

A heavily loaded coal train has been run across the Southern's trestle to keep it steady.

Walking up the railroad track from the old depot to the new, the entire scene is one of flooded buildings and floating debris. The side tracks near the old depot are barely out of water. One house close west of the track, stood this morning with open doors and the water some two feet deep all through it. The supper table had been hastily left and dishes and food remained.

Floating timbers were being caught as they came down the stream from the lumber yards above and piled on the short, low trestle at the old depot.

Small flat bridges have been washed down from above and lie against the water bound houses. The swirling flood has lifted several homes from their foundations and turning them, has dropped them with one end higher than the other.

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All the furniture was left in the houses, which this morning were nearly half way under water.

From the south upstairs door of the dry house the wreckage scene was best seen.

The lumber intended for the building of a dozen more tenement houses was floated "everywhere" and lies askew in every direction. "One thousand worth of lactic acid and $7000 worth of tallow is—somewhere," said Mr. Rees. "I don't know where."

The pump house was taken off its foundation and whirled aside and lies on its side with a bit of roof out of water.

H. B. Rowland's boat house is gone and the canoe was far up toward the bank.

Three of the tannery company's mules were loose during the storm, and selecting the highest place they could pick found shelter on the company's scales, well surrounded by water.

The brick walls of the lime house belonging to the tannery are badly cracked and the management is in momentary fear of the house bursting. The lime in slacking will doubtless burst the sides of the building.

The Carolina Ice company had considerable trouble in their yards, though little damage was done at the Asheville coal company's yards.

The animals were fished out about 11 o'clock and brought to the stables of Wiley H. Brown for refreshment.

At Riverside park the river came two hundred yards out of its banks. The street car track near the bridge is for twenty-five yards lifted from its bed and washed down against the row of trees a few feet south.

Considerable damage has been done the race track, the water covering it completely and rushing through it swiftly.

Part of the fence has been carried down with the flood and wagons and sheds are overturned and imbedded in the mud and water. The water missed Peirson's bridge by about two inches this afternoon and during the highest time of flood passed over it.

A horse and cow were rescued with difficulty this morning in the presence of several hundred people who stood along the hill side.

The entire valley is still under water, though the flood has gone down some ten or twelve inches.

A report comes from Reems Creek

Railroad traffic it as a standstill.

Not in years have trains been so completely tied up. Telegraph wires are down and in many instances no reports of the trains can be had.

There have been no trains either in or out of Asheville for the past four hours.

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# Asheville Electric Company

## Electric Light and Power Rates

### ELECTRIC LIGHTING

15 cents per K. W. hour for current used up to the Initial Quanity per month.

7 1-2 cents per K. W. hour for current used beyond the Initial Quantity, per month.

### ELECTRIC POWER

8 cents per K. W. hour for current used up to the Initial Quantity, per month.

4 cents per K. W. hour for current used beyond the Initial Quantity, per month.

5 per cent discount on all monthly bills paid at the office within 10 DAYS from their date.

The Initial Quantity is an established amount, depending in each case on the character and amount of service.

Asheville Citizen March 24, 1902

# BINGHAM IN FIRST FOUR OR FIVE SCHOOLS

## Captain Gardner in Report to Inspector General, Praises the School Highly

The report of the annual inspection of Bingham school made several weeks ago by Captain R. F. Gardner, special inspector artillery corps, U. S. A., has been sent to the inspector general of the United States army. Extracts from the report show that "the appearance and bearing of the cadet corps was smart and soldierly to a high degree, the cadets keeping good alignment and distances and carrying themselves in a soldierly manner. Their steadiness and behavior during inspection was remarkable, considering the youth of the cadets. The arms and equipment were kept in good condition.

"At company drill the cadet captains and cadets in ranks displayed a good knowledge of the school of the company.

"At inspection of cadet barracks the rooms were very neat and orderly and specially well ventilated. The cadet mess and kitchens were clean and inviting.

"The officer on duty at the school, Lieut. Fowler, takes the greatest interest and pride in his work and is thoroughly supported by the college authorities.

"Altogether the military department of the school is of a very high order. The cadets are well drilled and the discipline and control exercised over them is most judicious, and it seems to me that the military department of the school closely responds the idea the War department had in mind when detailing an officer of the army on duty as commandant of cadets."

Bingham school has been placed among the four or five schools in the country that come nearest to carrying out its purpose. General Lawton in his report to the United States inspector general spoke at length of the school's high standard, etc., and Capt. Gardner also spoke most highly of the institution.

Asheville Citizen May 31, 1902

# LINDLEY TRAINING SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING

## Addresses by Several Pastors and Creditable Showing in Reports Made

Yesterday afternoon at the Lindley Training School building, a few miles south of the city, the board of managers held an annual session. As is customary, the friends of the school were invited to attend and a number of Asheville and Biltmore people were present.

Several ministers attended and made short addresses on the past work of the school and on the outlook in the future.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. S. J. McClenaghan of Victoria. The reading of the treasurer's report followed. The report showed excellent management of the school funds.

After the report, Rev. McNeely DuBose made an address in which he said that the work of the school was deserving of the widest support.

"All accept the Christian teaching that something must be done for others; the only question is where to give one's help. The answer must be to those whose need was greatest, and surely here was help extended where need was greatest."

Rev. W. L. Bain expressed his sympathy with the school and Rev. W. M. Vines spoke briefly, saying that this work was founded both on Christian example and on the principle of human need. He said that there are always those who could help and those who must be helped. Rev. L. M. Omer followed with a few words of approval. Captain T. W. Patton also spoke briefly.

Dr. R. H. Swope made the closing address, saying that while there was quite misapprehension of the work and its results this misapprehension could easily be removed by a visit to the school and an understanding of what it had done and was doing; that it had met with many discouragements but had never yet failed to find support when need was greatest. Dr. Swope spoke plainly of the work of the school and of the great need for such work and added praise to the women whose efforts had begun and carried it forward.

The social feature of the meeting was the hour after the addresses, tea being served on the porches. Mr. and Mrs. Holdsworth furnished music.

The school was open to inspection and many of the guests made a tour of the cottages and other rooms.

The school, a refuge home for girls, fulfills much usefulness and a glance at the annual report adequately shows that the work of the past and present is having lasting results. The board of managers consists of about 25 of the prominent women of Asheville and adjoining towns and their efforts toward advancing the work are worthy of

The annual report shows that 40 girls and children were found better provided during the year ending May 1st than ever before. Many homes were secured for girls, homes where they were treated with kindness and schooling. At the present time there are [illegible] in the school. A communication has been kept up with many who have been in the care of the institution and [illegible] Although it has received [illegible] given by S. H. Mordecai toward an endowment fund [illegible] yet many [illegible] from generous [illegible] from the city and county [illegible] of its support from [illegible] contributions. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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# WEST ASHEVILLE'S FINE HIGH SCHOOL

The West Asheville high school will open Monday, July 28, for a term of six months. The school, which was only recently completed, is a substantial building of three class rooms and a hallway with seating capacity of about 200.

The school will consist of 10 grades, under the control of a principal and two assistants. The object will be to prepare scholars to enter the freshman class or first normal of any college in the state.

The Flat Creek township school building is also finished, but the corps of teachers is not complete. This school will begin as soon as the teachers are secured, and the grading and object will be similar to the West Asheville school.

On the 28th of this month the fall terms of all the other schools in the county will begin, to continue for five months, making a complete seven months' term.

Asheville Citizen July 25, 1902

# BINGHAM OPENS; GOOD PROSPECTS

Bingham school opened today with about 75 cadets in attendance—an unusually good number for the first day.

The number is more by 6 or 8 than were present at last year's opening day and the prospects for a prosperous session at the famous old school are excellent.

As is usual at Bingham, a number of the students are from Texas, and other western states. Half the states in the Union are represented in the address list.

Many of the boys who attended last year have returned.

**Asheville Citizen September 4, 1902**

# LINDLEY TRAINING SCHOOL MEETING

## Managers Meet at Institution—The School in Good Condition

(Communicated.)

The beautiful afternoon of November 18 was improved by the managers of the Lindley Training school for a visit and informal meeting to that "interesting institution" at the call of their president, Mrs. Lord. The meeting at 4 p. m. was attended by Meadames Rees, Patton, Van Buck, Hilliard, Bartlett, Turner, Davidson, Pease and interested visitors.

Mr. Brown, who works the farm, reported a good supply of vegetables, which had been used during the summer, and a larger supply for the winter than was expected, considering the condition of the land when purchased. Two pigs were fattening for a supply of meat and some handsome hens gave promise of eggs when the laying season begins. A good cow supplies milk for the babies and for the coffee and cereals for the breakfast table. The fruit trees are beginning to bear and in a few years a supply of apples will be gathered from this orchard.

The increased fertility of a few acres of land was due to a donation of ashes from Mr. Rees, who kindly gave all that can be drawn.

Ladies who had not been there since the annual meeting in June were interested in seeing the new stable, the gift of Mr. Vanderbilt. Plans are being made to add to the natural beauty of the place by planting shrubbery and flowers.

Miss Leach, the efficient matron, had just returned from a long vacation, and a heartfelt welcome was extended to her by the managers, as by the "inmates" a few days earlier.

The house, from attic to cellar was in perfect order, with a home-like aspect, which must exert a refining influence on those who but for this institution were homeless and wretched. While all do not profit by the advantages here as we could hope and expect, a large majority are redeemed from the thraldom of sin and satan, and live lives of respectability, and as far as possible, of happiness. On the whole this institution has prospered beyond the most sanguine expectations of its founders, and those present this afternoon felt fully repaid for the expenditures of time and money which they may have made.

The friends and patrons of the Lindley Training School are cordially invited to spend a part of one of these beautiful November days in a visit to this rescue home. Thursday afternoon is the most desirable time, as on that afternoon some one of the city pastors usually goes out to hold a religious service, for which the girls make special preparation.

It will be unnecessary to ask a donation from those who will make this visit, but to those who have not the time to do so, we will say that this Home is dependent on the voluntary contributions of its friends, and though at times its finances have been in a distressingly low condition, by the blessing of God and the timely aid of its patrons, the work has gone on with the assured approbation of Him who said to the erring woman of old, "Go and sin no more."

Asheville Citizen November 19, 1902

# THE COLORED PEOPLE.

## HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

### THE EDUCATION OF NEGROES A GOOD INVESTMENT.

At a recent meeting of the Congregational ministers of New York, Prof. Kelley Miller said: "The education of the negro is an integral factor in the general pedagogical equation. No reputable authority has yet pointed out just wherein the two races differ in any evident mental feature. The mind of the negro is of the same nature as that of the white man and needs the same education of the negro was declared a failure, those who made this charge were careful to avoid a bill of particulars. Howard University, as the return on the investment of from $2,000,000 to $3,000,000, has sent into the world 700 physicians, pharmacists and dentists, 300 lawyers, 200 ministers of the gospel and 800 persons with collegiate and academic education. These graduates are filling places of honor and distinction.

Where, in all this history of education, has a like sum of money produced more wholesome effect upon the general uplifting of the race? To this must be added the thousands of men and women sent in to the world with trained minds and hands, from Shaw, Wilberforce, Spelman, Atlanta, Livingstone, Hampton, Kentucky, Morris Brown and other colleges and seminaries for the training of negroes. When the negro was emancipated not 1 per cent. of the adults of the race could read or write, today 40 per cent can read and write the English language intelligently. Education does not only pay so far as it affects the negro but it is highly profitable to the states and the nation. No nation can feel safe with a large per cent of her population remaining in ignorance.

### GRATITUDE FROM THE COLORED CHILDREN'S ORPHAN HOME

We wish to thank the teachers and pupils of the Allen Industrial and the Hill St. Graded Shools and the many friends for their donations on Thanksgiving day. Our hearts were made glad to know that we were not forgotten. The Lord loveth the cheerful giver, and truly he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord. We pray God's blessing upon our many friends.

MRS. A. B. SIDES,
Matron.

P. S.—During these cold days no unfortunate, indigent or orphan child need suffer, there is room in the Home for them.

### LOCAL DOTS.

Rev. E. P. Mayo, D. D., pastor of A. M. E. Zion church, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday, hoping to leave this week for his new assignments at Salisbury, but he received orders from Bishop Harris to remain here and his successor, Rev. Dr. Smith, of Montgomery, arrived. Rev. Mayo is an able minister.

Miss Anna Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Ida Thompson, lies critically ill. The members of the First Baptist church Aid society will please take notice.

Miss Lottie Webb, niece of Mrs. Hattie Webb, died Monday night, on Church street. She will be buried today.

Mrs. Jane Logan, 7th Market street, is improving slowly, after an illness of eight weeks. She is a loyal member of the Baptist church.

Rev. F. R. White, the newly appointed pastor of the West Asheville A. M. E. Zion church, is well received by his parishioners. He is a good preacher.

J. Leatherwood died at the home of his parents on Cherry street yesterday morning. His funeral will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at West Asheville chapel.

Don't forget the grand entertainment to be given by the choir of the College street Methodist Episcopal church Friday night. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Rev. J. [illegible], former pastor A. M. E. Zion church at Shiloh, has been transferred to Tuscaloosa, Ala., and will leave in a few days.

A few friends of Rev. E. P. Mayo tendered him quite a fine reception Tuesday night at the home of one of the members on Poplar street. The evening was spent very pleasantly.

Though the weather was cold the attendance at the schools yesterday was very large. This is always a source of great pleasure to the principal and teachers.

Miss Anna Black has been quite sick for some time and improves but slowly. She is an earnest worker in the Baptist church and Aid society and the members' attention is called to her illness.

**Asheville Citizen November 2, 1903**

# West Asheville May Have Modern System of Waterworks

West Asheville is to have a modern system of waterworks.

Pure water will be distributed in mains and pipes just as it is in Asheville and the system will cover a considerable part of the territory in West Asheville.

This is the present plan of the gentlemen who are back of the project. They are now considering what shall be the extent of the service to be given the territory to be covered.

The plan had its conception in the desire of several property owners this side of Sulphur Springs to have running water in their houses, and the plans now under consideration were the outgrowth of this desire. The more extensive the service the cheaper the cost to each person will be.

It is proposed to have a standpipe which shall be kept full of water by water power pumps. Later on if the plans are successful, it is proposed to have a gravity line from a stream on Beaver's View or some other mountain.

**Asheville Citizen November 11, 1903**

# THE COLORED PEOPLE

## HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

### AS A VIRGINIA NEGRO SEES IT.

The Presbyterian Standard, in last week's issue, under "Review of Contemporaries," published the following article from the Norfolk News and Advertiser, presenting a negro's views of disfranchisement:

"When the immortal Abraham Lincoln struck the shackles from several millions of his fellow countrymen, he accomplished that which will shine resplendent in the annals of humanity and gather lustre with the leap of ages. The death of this great man at a time when his guiding hand was most needed, was a calamity beyond computation to the colored race and country at large. The hands of the assassin has beyond doubt been the means of preserving and promoting many of the problems which today perplex and vex. Looking at the matter dispassionately over the lapse of forty years, it is plain to be seen that in the turmoil and heat of the moment grave errors were committed and much undesirable seed sown in the Virginia soil of negro aspiration.

"Considering the conditions that have prevailed in this country since the close of that mighty conflict, the wonderful harmony existing between the races may be accounted for only by the natural inoffensive qualities of the negro, the tolerance of the white man, and the almost affectionate regard with which the Southerners of both races viewed each; for when all is said and done, it must not be forgotten that the South is the true home of the American negro, and that the Southern white is his nearest neighbor and patron, and this with no disparagement to our host of excellent Northern people who have and are devoting their time, talents and means to the uplifting of the colored people. Had these good samaritans with the help of Booker T. Washington, put into execution their great ideas directly after the emancipation of the colored race, there would today have been no necessity for a new state constitution, disfranchising a large proportion of the negro population. The News and Advertiser has been in some quarters, commended, and others condemned for the stand it takes on the new Virginia constitution. We feel honestly that we are neither deserving of praise nor blame, in the matter. Our purpose and aim is the uplifting and advancement of the negro people by every legitimate means in our power. We feel and have no hesitation in saying that misdirected political aspiration to the exclusion of all else, has been a blight and not a blessing to the race. What the negro has today, he can never lose. Slavery, thank God, is forever a thing of the past, and not alone in America, but over this broad land, I mean find no living place under the broad folds of America's flag. With this assured, the negro has nothing to fear. If the powers that be said to him, 'If you want to vote you must be educated,' he will get an education and our position is that the man who does not want the education is unfit to have a voice in the making of laws under which his more progressive fellow must live. The right to procure an education is not denied the colored man. On the contrary, schools are opened on every side, and institutes, homes and temples of every description, are being provided for his advancement, and that he is advancing a look around will be vividly demonstrated."

The above are the views of a prominent negro editor, and though we do not agree with all that he says, much food for thought is presented.

Of course the negro has much that he could lose. As pointed out by The News and Courier in a recent editorial, "in the nature of the case the negro must long remain almost wholly dependent upon his white neighbors for his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." And "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

### WILL CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION DAY.

Great preparation is being made to celebrate emancipation day with appropriate exercises. The following program will be observed in the Y. M. I. assembly hall:

A chorus of one hundred voices.
Invocation .. Rev. W. J. Heritage, A.B.
"America."
Introductory .. Prof. C. A. Powell, M. C.
Reading of Proclamation.....
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Chorus.....Select choir
Selection from Dunbar.....
.....Miss Lathea Alexander
Essay "Domestic Science and Its Relation to the Home".....
.....Miss Ella Briggs
Selection.....Y. M. I. quartette
Chorus.....Select choir
Annual address.. D. Sayles Orner, B.D.
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W. J. Trent, secretary; Prof. C. A. Powell, master ceremonies.
B. J. Jackson and Douglas Clark, musical directors.
Mrs. Edmonia Swanson, pianist.
Fred Fowler, assistant.

**Asheville Citizen November 17, 1903**

# THE COLORED PEOPLE

## HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

### TROTTER SCORES PRESIDENT

We reproduce an editorial from the Boston Guardian, on the president's message. And this is done that readers may judge of the president and the northern politicians' true interest in the negro, from the standpoint of the Guardian. The Guardian of December 5th, asks: "Why is Roosevelt silent?"

"President Roosevelt has sent another message to congress, this time to a regular session. This is the fourth message. Like some of its predecessors it is very long and it treats of a multitude of subjects. The president deals with the business prosperity, the department of commerce, capital and labor, money received and expended, merchant marine, immigration, naturalization, trusts and interstate commerce, postal frauds, making bribery extraditable, the Alaskan boundary, Venezuelan claims, relations with Turkey, with China, cost of consular service, rural free delivery, Louisiana Purchase exposition, Lewis and Clark exposition, Alaska's development, Hawaii, Philippines and Porto Rico, general land office, irrigation, preservation of forests, Indian affairs, railway appliance laws, board of charities for District of Columbia, the army, the navy, Isthmian canal, relations of United States to transit across Panama, Colombia, repudiation of treaty, revolution in Panama, etc., etc., in Colombia, [illegible] many subjects as usual, from Panama to Alaska, from the Philippines to Porto Rico, and not one word, as usual, about the wrong and injustices suffered by colored American citizens!

"And why this silence on the abuses from which we suffer? Is not the 14th article of the constitution violated? Is not the 15th? Yes, it not even the 13th? Are we not forced into Jim Crow cars? Are we not poorly provided with educational facilities? Are we not disfranchised on account of color?

"Does the president think he is doing his full duty in talking fair on the negro question in his individual capacity as president? He ought to know that he alone cannot correct these wrongs but that congress must make laws on the subject. If he does not know it certain delegates to Louisville told him so last July, and other colored bodies have done the same since.

"Is it possible he thinks he is doing his full duty by standing by his appointment to office of a negro who endorsed lynching? Then let him know that we do not think so, that we believe the rights of our race are more important than a few paltry offices for favored individuals. Let him know, and tell it to him in thunder tones, backed by two million votes, that the negro appointments of Booker Washington's lieutenants are but chaff and that his high sounding pronouncements for fair play are but sounding brass, if he refuses to urge congress to enforce the amendments and restore our rights."

### LOCAL DOTS.

Do not forget your high privilege during the Xmas time to make the little hearts, at the Orphan Home, swell with joy.

The registers at the Mt. Zion Baptist church is open, all members who fail to register their names and addresses will be placed on the dead list for 1904. Rev. J. R. Nelson.

Don't fail to hear "The Cecelian Vesper Choral" at the Y. M. I. Christmas night.

Grand rally at West Asheville M. E. church Sunday.

Grand educational mass meeting at Marshall, N. C., tomorrow. The address will be delivered by Rev. D. Samuel Orner of this city.

B. J. Jackson and Douglas Clark are planning to give you a great musical treat January 1st at the Y. M. I.

A Christmas dinner for the poor would be a good appreciation of God's Xmas gift to us. Who will start the movement? There are a few dollars waiting to be spent to that end.

The Junior Y. M. I. football team played the Calvary Presbyterian school team yesterday. The game was very lively and ended 18 to 5 in favor of the Y. M. I. team.

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- Sulphur Springs Dairy

**Grocers - 5**
- Jas. T. Crowell
- Wm G. Ford
- Justice Cromwell*
- Henry J. Olive
- Rufus Wells*

**Pastors - 2**
- Rev. A.E. Brown
- Rev. W.B. Rutledge

**Physicians - 3**
- Dr. W.C. Brownson
- Dr. P.B. Orr
- Doctor Whiteside* (?)

**Schools & Academies - 3**
- Asheville School
- Bingham School
- West Asheville School

***28 African-American households listed out of 268 total**

# WILL MACADAMIZE ROAD TO HAYWOOD

The county commissioners will macadamize the old Haywood road, and not the lower road toward Dr. Gudger's place.

This disposes of a question which is entirely familiar to people who reside in the Hominy valley and one with which they are entirely familiar. When it was announced by the commissioners two months ago that they would continue the macadam beyond its present terminus four miles west of the city, there arse a difference of opinion as to which road should be improved, and long petitions were presented to the board. Some wished the Dr. Gudger road selected for improvement and others the old Haywood road.

Yesterday afternoon the commissioners' room was crowded with people from the Hominy section and the board heard arguments by those who favored each road.

The rock crusher will be moved to the Hominy section in the early spring. It is now located at the old Woodfin place on the French Broad and is furnishing stone to macadamize the unpaved part of North Main street.

**Asheville Citizen Feb. 3, 1904**

# ANNUAL MEETING OF GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION HELD YESTERDAY

The annual meeting of the Good Roads Association of Asheville and Buncombe county was held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Hotel Berkeley. There was a good attendance and much interest was shown in the discussions of the annual reports. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. C. P. Ambler; vice-president, F. Rogers Grant; secretary and treasurer, B. M. Jones; directors, A. C. Chambers, E. W. W. Graham, Wm. Johnston, Jr., E. C. Sawyer, F. Stikeleather and Fred Kent.

The report on county roads was presented by Mr. Grant, that on signs by E. C. Sawyer, the secretary-treasurer's report by B. M. Jones, this being accompanied by the report of the auditing committee, and the president's report by Dr. C. P. Ambler.

The recommendations of the reports were discussed and referred to the new directors. On motion of Mr. F. Rogers Grant it was resolved that the president's report be accepted, approved and filed and that a copy of same be given to both papers for publication and that the incoming board of directors be urged to act on the recommendations contained in said report, and further, that the association extend its thanks and appreciation to President Ambler for the efficient work done by him to which in our opinion the success of the association for the past year has been due.

The initiation fee of $2 was abolished and the only fee will now be the dues of 50 cents monthly.

The thanks of the association were extended to the local press for complete reports of the meeting. A vote of thanks was given Secretary-Treasurer B. M. Jones, whom President Ambler described as the "ideal secretary."

[illegible] suggestions are briefly contained in the president's report which follows. The recommendations to the county commissioners and the suggestions of a bond issue to build roads are highly important. There have been differences of opinion between the association and the chairman of the county commissioners on the subject of roads and the vote of hearty approval of the annual report speaks for itself.

The report is as follows:

The work undertaken by your association during the past year has been somewhat more varied than it has been heretofore, but the many successes, and the few failures which have resulted, only go to show that the work of the Good Roads Association is steadily going forward; that the county is beginning to appreciate roads matters more than ever before and that most any movement for the betterment of roads finds hearty support on the part of the tax-payer.

Early in the year the association was incorporated upon the suggestion of Director Merrick. Three valuable directors were lost by resignation, these resignations being occasioned on account of personal business matters. The members resigning were Mr. Raoul, Mr. Merrick and Mr. Rogers. In their place were elected Mr. Grant, Mr. Parker and Mr. Brown.

[illegible] again, but upon soliciting subscriptions from those in the neighborhood and immediately interested, only five dollars was raised, and the owner of the property through which this road runs absolutely prohibited any widening of the road at any point. The means for repairing the road would probably have been found had it not been for this attitude of the owner of the property.

The past summer has seen a road built from Beaucatcher Gap to Vance Gap upon practically a level grade on the east side of Town mountain. The directors of the association had agreed that the Good Roads Association would maintain this road provided it was constructed in a satisfactory manner. However, upon investigation after the same was finished, it was found that the road had been built without any under-drains, and for that reason the association has not assumed charge of this road, although the directors would have been glad to take charge of this road, had the under-drains been placed in position. Your directors have undertaken to open the road from Pleasant Mountain Gap on Sunset Drive down the Spoke Branch road to the Beaverdam road near the Killian place. This road was worked by the association as far as the Morris line at the head of Spoke Branch while the county and the people living in the valley finished it from there to the Beaverdam. With the exception of one place the grade is now very good, but the road having only been opened this past summer, is still rough and will require several years work to get it in good shape. It will, however, be a delightful addition to the Sunset Drive and it is to be hoped that the association can continue to maintain the same.

Your directors made a final payment [illegible] for the improvement of Sunset Drive, the county's receipt for $1,581 paid on this account.

Your directors undertook to make a contract between the county commissioners and the city of Asheville whereby the county agreed to macadamize the road from Beaucatcher Gap to the Swannanoa river near the Cheesborough place. Such a contract was signed by both the commissioners and the city, but owing to the fact that the convict force became low, the county was unable to furnish its part of the contract, although it is still the intention of the commissioners to take the matter up when they are in a position to do so. Your directors arranged another contract whereby the county agrees to lay macadam on the unfinished portion of North Main street, provided the city will do the grading. This short stretch of road is always exceedingly bad in the winter and its improvement will be a great convenience to the whole northern part of the county when it is completed. The work is now being done.

A committee appointed by your directors also undertook to arrange for the macadamizing of the road leading from Strawberry Hill to Carrier's Bridge and thence to the Victoria road. Arrangements were made with the county and the Vanderbilt estate whereby if the property owners had raised $1,000, this [illegible] the legislature to macadamize the road from Hickory Nut Gap through Rutherford county and into Buncombe. Your directors were asked to assist this movement, but after thorough investigation and discussion, decided they could not do so for the reason that the road was to be a toll road and we had no assurance from the people living in Buncombe county that they desired such a road; moreover, the commissioners of Buncombe county were opposed to the building of a road by such means.

A committee of your directors was appointed to try and arrange for the improvement of the road leading down Beaverdam from Grace church to the Burnsville road, thus completing a circle to the north of Asheville. Your directors had the money and made [illegible] for macadamizing this piece of road if the property owners had been willing to do the right thing in regard to re-locating the worst [illegible] runs in the branch for a considerable portion of the way and is one of the

and treasurer, B. M. Jones; directors, E. C. Chambers, R. W. Wy. Graham, Wm. Johnston, Jr., E. C. Sawyer, F. Stikeleather and Fred Kent.

The report on county roads was presented by Mr. Grant, that on signs by E. C. Sawyer, the secretary-treasurer's report by B. M. Jones, this being accompanied by the report of the auditing committee, and the president's report by Dr. C. P. Ambler.

The recommendations of the reports were discussed and referred to the new directors. On motion of Mr. F. Rogers Grant it was resolved that the president's report be accepted, approved and filed and that a copy of same be given to both papers for publication and that the incoming board of directors be urged to act on the recommendations contained in said report, and further, that the association extend its thanks and appreciation to President Ambler for the efficient work done by him to which in our opinion the success of the association for the past year has been due.

The initiation fee of $3 was abolished and the only fee will now be the dues of 50 cents monthly.

The thanks of the association were extended to the local press for complete reports of the meeting. A vote of thanks was given Secretary-Treasurer B. M. Jones, whom President Ambler described as the "ideal secretary."

[illegible] heartily confirmed in the president's report which [illegible] recommendations to the county commissioners and the suggestions of a bond issue to build roads are highly important. There have been differences of opinion between the association and the chairman of the county commissioners on the subject of roads and the vote of hearty approval of the president's report speaks for itself.

The report is as follows:

The work undertaken by your association during the past year has been somewhat more varied that it has been heretofore, but the many successes, and the few failures which have resulted, only go to show that the work of the Good Roads Association is steadily going forward; that the county is beginning to appreciate roads matters more than ever before and that most any movement for the betterment of roads finds hearty support on the part of the tax-payer.

Early in the year the association was incorporated, upon the suggestion of Director Merrick. Three valuable directors were lost by resignation, these resignations being necessitated on account of personal business matters. The members resigning were Mr. Raoul, Mr. Merrick and Mr. Rogers. In their place were elected Mr. Grant, Mr. Parker and Mr. Brown.

We herewith present report of the work accomplished during the past year.

One of the most important points of the work of your association is the caring for the pleasure drives in the neighborhood of Asheville. We are pleased to report that the traveling public and all parties using Sunset Drive have commended this road and said that it was never in better condition than during the past season. The Beaufont road from Beaucatcher Gap to Kenilworth [illegible] in the past, but owing to the grades of this road having been kept in excellent condition on Sunset Drive. Your directors [illegible] to repair the road [illegible] built from Beaucatcher Gap to Vance Gap upon practically a level grade on the east side of Town mountain. The directors of the association had agreed that the Good Roads Association would maintain this road provided it was constructed in a satisfactory manner. However, upon investigation after the same was finished, it was found that the road had been built without any under-drains, and for that reason the association has not assumed charge of this road, although the directors would have been glad to take charge of this road, had the under-drains been placed in position. Your directors have undertaken to open the road from Pleasant Mountain Gap on Sunset Drive down the Spoke Branch road to the Beaverdam road near the Killian place. This road was worked by the association as far as the Morris line at the head of Spoke Branch while the county and the people living in the valley finished it from there to the Beaverdam. With the exception of one place the grade is now very good, but the road having only been opened this past summer, is still rough and will require several years work to get it in good shape. It will, however, be a delightful addition to the Sunset Drive and it is to be hoped that the association can continue to maintain the same.

Your directors made a final payment [illegible] the county's receipt for $1,521 paid on this account.

Your directors undertook to make a contract between the county commissioners and the city of Asheville whereby the county agreed to macadamize the road from Beaucatcher Gap to the Swannanoa river near the Cheesborough place. Such a contract was signed by both the commissioners and the city, but owing to the fact that the convict force became low, the county was unable to fulfill its part of the contract, although it is still the intention of the commissioners to take the matter up when they are in a position to do so. Your directors arranged another contract whereby the county agrees to lay macadam on the unfinished portion of North Main street, provided the city will do the grading. This short stretch of road is always exceedingly bad in the winter and its improvement will be a great convenience to the whole northern part of the county when it is completed. The work is now being done.

A committee appointed by your directors also undertook to arrange for the macadamizing of the road leading from Strawberry Hill to Carrier's Bridge and thence to the Victoria road. Arrangements were made with the county and the Vanderbilt estate whereby if the property owners had raised $1,000 this work could have been accomplished, the Vanderbilt estate agreeing to macadamize from Carrier's bridge to the Victoria road. $900 of this amount was raised by subscription, but the matter was dropped this past season on account of the illness of Mr. Stokdames. It is to such hope, however, that it probably can be brought about this coming summer.

An effort was made to secure the [illegible] county to get a bill through the legislature to macadamize the road from Hickory Nut Gap through Buncombe county and into Buncombe. Your directors were asked to assist this movement, but after thorough investigation and discussion, decided they could not do so for the reason that the road was to be a toll road and we had no assurance from the people living in Buncombe county that they desired such a road; moreover, the commissioners of Buncombe county were opposed to the building of a road by such means.

A committee of your directors was appointed to try and arrange for the improvement of the road leading down Beaverdam from Grace church to the Burnsville road, thus completing a circle to the north of Asheville. Your directors had the money and shares of right for macadamizing this piece of road if the property owners had been willing to do the right thing in regard to re-locating the water. The road now runs in the branch for a considerable portion of the way and is one of the worst roads in the county. [illegible] property owners, however, refused to do this, and the matter was dropped.

**Asheville Citizen February 4, 1904**

# WATERWORKS FOR WEST ASHEVILLE

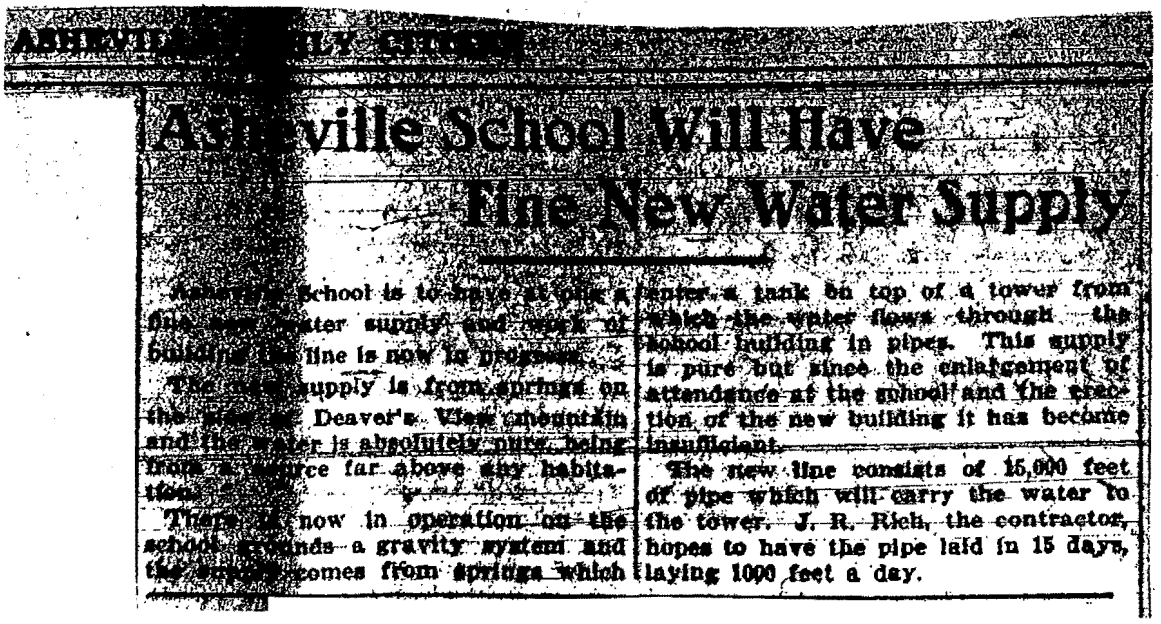
West Asheville, or part of it, is soon to have a waterworks system.

The Citizen told some time ago of the projet of Mr. R. B. Hayes, who has extensive property in West Asheville to lay a pipe line which should carry water from springs on the side of Beaver's view mountain. This plan will be carried out next fall. In the meantime, however, a pipe line two miles long is to be laid and this will conduct water from springs not so distant from the residences to be supplied.

These springs yield an abundance of clear, pure and cold water. This water is to be pumped into a ten thousand gallon tank on top of a 50 foot tower and gravity will cause it to flow where planned.

The tower is nearly completed and a pumping engine will soon be installed.

**Asheville Citizen March 2, 1904**



# Asheville School Will Have Fine New Water Supply

[illegible] School is to have a fine new water supply and work of building the line is now in progress.

The new supply is from springs on the [illegible] Deaver's View mountain and the water is absolutely pure, being from a source far above any habitations.

There is now in operation on the school grounds a gravity system and the water comes from springs which enter a tank on top of a tower from which the water flows through the school building in pipes. This supply is pure but since the enlargement of attendance at the school and the erection of the new building it has become insufficient.

The new line consists of 15,000 feet of pipe which will carry the water to the tower. J. R. Rich, the contractor, hopes to have the pipe laid in 15 days, laying 1000 feet a day.

**Asheville Citizen March 3, 1904**

# PROPOSED FORM HUNT CLUB HERE

Some six or seven years ago there was a hunt club here and it was a marked success. Chases were held in the country near Sulphur Springs every week or two and the meets attracted many horsemen. They were great attractions to visitors and many townspeople attended. A number of fine hunters were developed among the horses and mules were imported.

It is now proposed to revive this sport and form a hunt club. "Drag" hunts are proposed instead of the chase of foxes. The sport is as good following a bag, is more certain and is open to no objection.

Certainly such a club would be an attraction to the city and there is no reason why it should not be as successful as the one which was disorganized.

W. C. Millard and several others are interested and will be glad to hear from persons interested.

**Asheville Citizen Mar. 9, 1904**

# EMMA POSTOFFICE BUILDING AGAIN ENTERED BY A BURGLAR

## Walter Johnson, a Mere Boy Caught in the Store by Walter Gillespie, Who Was Occupying Cot in Room Used by Alexander Three Years Ago.

Does history repeat itself?

There are many who believe that it does.

If such is the case Asheville will have use for the gallows [illegible] Buncombe county.

A telephone message came to Sheriff Reed last evening that the store of D. J. McClelland, in which the Emma postoffice is located, had been burglarized. The name of Walter Johnson, colored, was given as the person who had secured entrance to the store.

Deputies C. F. Williams and O. L. Wells were hurriedly dispatched to the locality with a warrant charging Johnson with the burglary. The officers went direct to the place and were given a description of the burglar, [illegible] home of Johnson, a half mile from the store, and soon had him under arrest. He proved to be a boy not over 15 years of age. He was returned to the store, here he was positively identified by Walter Gillespie, a clerk, who had encountered him in the place. Johnson, who is one of the brightest of boys, loudly maintained his innocence, even in the presence of the clerk, but a new pocket knife, missed from the stock, was found in his possession. Johnson [illegible] and cross-questioned, but stoutly denied that he had entered the store.

The entrance to the postoffice was gained through a window, which had been pried open. It occurred at a few minutes after five o'clock, while Mr. McClelland had closed the store to go to supper. The room which was occupied by Samuel Alexander three years ago, when the memorable robbery took place, was last night occupied by Walter Gillespie, who was suffering from mumps. It was [illegible] to look after the store and [illegible] locked up when Mr. McClelland went to his meals. A short time after Mr. McClelland had left for supper last evening, Gillespie heard some one walking about in the room. He left his cot and [illegible] to the store, found the colored boy in the room. He questioned the boy as to his presence, and was told that he came there to knock on his door. Gillespie was feeling so badly that he opened the door and told him to get out. He reported his experience to Mr. McClelland when that gentleman returned from supper, and the latter notified the sheriff. At hat time nothing had been missed from the stock of goods.

The robbery recalls to mind vividly the entrance to the postoffice about three years ago by Ben Foster and Frank Johnson, the brave and heroic fight made by Samuel Alexander, in which he and the two robbers were shot practically full of holes, with Alexander on one side and the robbers on the other; later the conviction of Foster and Johnson for burglary in the first degree, and the enviction of Harry Mills and Russ Gates, their accomplices, who ere stationed on the outside. The two former were hanged on February 26, a year ago, and Mills and Gates were sentenced to the penitentiary for [illegible] years. Mills died in the penitentiary and Gates is the only one of the quartet who still survives. Samuel Alexander was called to Washington because of the bravery he displayed in the fight of protecting Uncle Sam's property, and is now holding a responsible government position.

A coincidence in connection with the two robberies is the fact that a Johnson was connected with the first and the young man now under arrest is named Johnson. He will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice Ware as soon as Gillespie is able to appear in court as a witness.

Asheville Citizen Mar. 15, 1904

# Vanderbilt Estate Increased by Purchase of 2,000 Acres

A real estate deal of considerable magnitude has recently been concluded affecting property on the west side of the French Broad river, by which Mr. George Vanderbilt extends the boundary of his estate to the westward. This deal has been successfully engineered by Robert U. Garrett, who, during the past three years has labored ceaselessly to bring it to a successful issue. The Citizen more than a year ago informed its readers of the pendency of this big real estate transaction.

The story of this interesting transaction is as follows:

Mr. Garrett first secured information that some of the owners of property in this section named were willing to sell at reasonable figures. It occurred to him that Mr. Vanderbilt might be induced to enlarge his boundary westward, but found upon inquiry that such possibilities were very remote. Certainly generally fancy prices would not be paid, and under no circumstances would any land be bought unless a certain large boundary was secured. The approximate cost of the various boundaries was obtained, and the average per acre submitted to Mr. McNamee, Mr. Vanderbilt's attorney. After months of delay, Mr. Garrett got sufficient data to warrant him in obtaining options, for which he paid two per cent upon estimated valuation. The holders of property included in the area including help, numbered some two or three hundred individuals. The problem that confronted Mr. Garrett was almost insurmountable, for any one of the persons interested declining to co-operate would be fatal to a successful conclusion. When rumors began to circulate as to the prospective owner of the boundary, Mr. Garrett's troubles began, several declining to close except at figures that were [illegible] been anticipated, the options given were unassailable, and the courts were finally appealed to for a compliance with contracts. The closing of final deals has been accomplished and deeds for the entire boundary executed to Mr. Garrett.

Included in the boundary is the handsome residence of Mrs. Mitchell, containing thirty or forty rooms, furnished in hardwood throughout and commanding a superb view. Some of the farming lands are susceptible of a high state of cultivation, but to that end a large outlay will be necessary, which former owners were not prepared to make, but, with proceeds of sales, are purchasing fresher farms at prices much more advantageous to them. The boundary consists of nearly 2,000 acres and affords a number of magnificent views of the surrounding country.

**Asheville Citizen April 9, 1904**

MAY 15, 1904

# BINGHAM BOYS IN YEARLY DRILL

## Military Skill Shown in Every Movement

## JUDGES EXPRESSED PROFOUND SURPRISE

## Hon. Thomas Settle Reviews History of School

### COMPANY A WON COLORS FOR COMING YEAR ALTHOUGH CONTEST WAS UNUSUALLY CLOSE.

According to announcement the Military Exhibit of the Bingham School took place at Riverside Park Tuesday afternoon. The ground was put in excellent order by the Asheville Guards company and the First Regiment band was employed for the occasion. The exhibit consisted of Company and Battalion drill with blank cartridges firing, the bayonet exercise and a parade, and the whole drill from first to last was a contest between Company A., Captain Bomar and Company B., Captain Shepard, for the colors of the Battalion during the next year.

Captain J. R. Crouch, Professor of Military Science and Tactics was in command.

The judges of the contest were Major W. G. Smith, Inspector of the First Brigade, North Carolina National Guards; Captain T. M. Lindsay, Co. E., and Capt. F. E. Hearne, Co. H., First Regiment, National Guards. The very large audience showed their appreciation and delight by frequent bursts of applause from the very beginning to the end of the drill. The judges expressed themselves as being astonished at what they saw and pronounced it the best exhibition of military skill ever seen in Western North Carolina, and a United States Army officer present said that the military work by the cadets surpassed much which he had seen in the regular army, and measured up with the skill of the "crack" companies, and in these opinions many competent judges in the audience coincided. The contest between Companies A. and B. was very unusually close. They were even till just at the last when the scale turned in favor of Co. A. by some minor technicalities which were all by which the companies could be differentiated.

Hon. Thomas Settle awarded the gold medals already won and awarded for soldierly bearing, appearance, behavior and skill during the year. The medalists were Captain Bomar, Sergeant Drane, Cadet Simpson and Cadet Duncan among the 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st year men respectively, to whom Mr. Settle spoke very gracefully and effectively. Then in eloquent and most appropriate words he awarded the colors to Co. A. He spoke of the highly honorable history of the school since its almost ancient foundation in 1793, of its many alumni who had occupied the highest positions in many states and in every department of work and thought. He spoke of the school's having been pronounced among the four or five best military institutions in the Union by army officers and army inspectors, and said that its success was even greater since it came to Asheville than ever before. He told the cadets that it was an honor to be a member of such an institution, an honor to win in such a contest against such worthy competitors and an honor to even win from such very able competitors. And he urged it on the cadet body as a whole and on every member of both companies as individuals to unite in holding these colors aloft which had floated for so many years over so many honorable predecessors and which today float over so fine a body of young men from an area extending from Nebraska through Mexico City and Tehuantepec to British Honduras.

Mr. Settle was exceedingly happy in his words of praise for those who won and for those who did not win and in the inspiration which his eloquence gave to the cadet corps as to their duties and responsibilities in these days when there, the West and in the ascendant, not only with the weapons of carnal warfare, but in the war against the evil, and for the good, the true and the manly. After the drill the cadets marched directly to their armory and turned in their arms after one of the most successful military displays in the history of the school.

**Asheville Citizen May 15, 1904**

# ASHEVILLE SCENE OF SENSATIONAL KIDNAPPING

## New York Man Steals Son From Wife Here

## FRUITLESS RESISTANCE MADE BY BOY'S MOTHER

## Mrs. John Frank James Has Exciting Experience

### DETECTIVES AIDED BY HER HUSBAND CARRY AWAY CHILD WHILE SHE IS MOMENTARILY ABSENT

"Take your finger from me. You little Jew Pinkerton detective until you can grow some," exclaimed Mrs. John Frank James, the wife of a wealthy New York merchant, at Swannanoa station yesterday morning, where she had gone to take her child from the husband, a Pinkerton detective, Cayle, and an unknown man.

The incident unfolded a story of a daring kidnapping enacted here Monday afternoon with all the circumstances of a melodrama. In pathos it verged on tragedy, in humorous incident it was a comedy.

A five-year-old son of Mrs. James was kidnapped while momentarily out of his mother's sight in West Asheville, seized from his nurse in a carriage by his father, a friend and a trained Pinkerton detective and then the party drove post haste to Asheville, thence to a small railroad station where the mother located them and where as the party was about to take the train came the mother and a scene which astonished the villagers. Such is the statement made by Mrs. James.

It was no mean kidnapping affair but one planned by one of Pinkerton's best detectives and the parties concerned are those of wealth and fashion. Mrs. James is well known here. For months she has been at the Battery Park hotel and has attracted attention.

Mrs. James was seen this afternoon at her apartments at the hotel just as she had returned from the unsuccessful pursuit of her boy, and while reluctant to speak until assured that the general circumstances were known, told in detail a story of decided interest. Mrs. James said that she came here in March on account of the health of her Harold, five years old, and with the exception of a visit to Richfield Springs, had been here since then. She admitted that the relations existing between herself and husband had not been pleasant for months and she added that she contemplated bringing a suit for divorce against him in the fall. There was no emphasis on "him" which led to the inference that now Mr. James was expected to sue for divorce. Mrs. James said that on Monday she, Harold and his nurse, a little colored girl named Lucy, went driving to Hominy and returning came to West Asheville at about 3:30. Mrs. James was hungry and stopped at a house to get lunch while the others drove to a store to get some soda pop and candy for the boy. She was eating a piece of chicken when from out of the house or nearby rushed three men, her husband, the detective and a man from Brooklyn she knew well. The husband made an angry demonstration at her and the detective pretended to arrest him and the other man and hustled them into a carriage. Off they drove. They caught Mrs. James' carriage, seized the boy and drove toward Asheville. Mrs. James, when the nurse came, was told what had happened. She drove to Asheville and made inquiries at the hotels for the men but vainly. Then she turned her attention to the livery stables and found that a team such as the nurse had described had been engaged at Chambers & Weaver's stable and had driven up the Swannanoa. Mrs. James, after supper, got a team and with the nurse and friend drove eastward. They inquired along the way and saw fresh tracks. Arrived at Swannanoa Mrs. James questioned several small girls about the men and child. One told her that the boy was there and on off. Mrs. James rushed after her into a house and was there told that there were also there, also three men and a boy. It was then about 9:30 or 10 o'clock at night. Mrs. James peeped through a window and saw the men, while the boy was asleep. Regardful of the sick child and being without assistance Mrs. James returned to Asheville. Yesterday she took the early train and at Swannanoa jumped into the midst of the three men who were about to place the boy on the train. She upset them, knocked off her husband's hat and then the train pulled out leaving the group alone to the scene first described. Mr. and Mrs. James had some warm words but the detective pushed Mr. James and the boy into the store. Mrs. James supposed they were safe there and turned her attention to the "friend of family"—much to his regret. Later on Mrs. James discovered that her husband, boy and detective had escaped through the back door and gone [illegible]. Mrs. James decided it was best to return to Asheville and take up the pursuit elsewhere. She also went to New York to advise with her lawyer.

It is certain that the boy was taken from Asheville in a carriage by three men. Two came here Saturday and registered at the Swannanoa under the names of F. and Chas. Dawin, Washington. They are supposed to have gone off but returned Sunday. The detective was noticed here yesterday afternoon. Mrs. James is said to have chided Cayle at Swannanoa for allowing her to approach the house at night [illegible] and to trail him so readily. She made much fun of him yesterday. On the train yesterday afternoon she was handed by a stranger this note:

"Your child and the three men are at McKoy's hotel in Black Mountain, where they went from Swannanoa by carriage this morning. They will leave for New York this afternoon on the [illegible]."

When Mrs. James was discussing the matter yesterday she was told that the detective was on the hotel grounds. The nurse, Lucy, was in the room and started for the door, "I'll slap his face!" she exclaimed irately.

**Asheville Citizen Summer, 1904**

# Site Selected for French Broad Granite-Brick Plant

A portion of the machinery for the French Broad Granite-Brick company has arrived and other necessary machinery for the manufacture of sand-brick and tiling has been shipped. Portions of the machinery to be used in the manufacture of the bricks and tile is covered by patent and will not be here for several days.

The site for the location of the brick-making plant has been selected on the French Broad river, on the west side, near the rock quarry and between the river and the tracks of the Southern Railway company. Contractors are now looking over the plans for the foundation and other construction work and as soon as the bids are all in the contract will be let and active building begun.

The French Broad Granite-brick company propose to manufacture by patent process a sand-lime brick for building urposes, which has recently come very much into use throughout the country. Several handsome buildings in this state and South Carolina are now being built of this class of material and the government has adopted it in the building of its barracks in the west.

Asheville Gazette News July 1, 1904

# Board of Education Adopts the Graded School System

The county board of education adjourned yesterday afternoon after a two days' session in which several matters of interest to the county's schools were acted on.

Mr R. C. Clayton presented his resignation as a member of the board in order that he might accept the election as county commissioner. The board accepted the resignation with regret and chose to fill the vacancy Mr. S. J. Ashworth of Fairview, one of the nominees for election in the fall.

In Leicester township B. F. Easter was chosen committeeman in place of R. F. Lee, resigned. In Flat Creek Emmett Roberts resigned and L. W. Roberts was elected committeeman. In Reems Creek Zeb Baird resigned and Lucius Wagner took his place. In Fairview the resignations of committeemen of James Tweed and S. J. Ashworth were received. C. L. Whittaker was chosen in Mr. Tweed's place but the other vacancy was not filled.

The board decided that the schools should open the first Monday in August, and continue at least five months.

An order was placed for 300 patent desks of the best pattern for use in the new school houses and high schools.

The board adopted the principle of grading for all county schools and authorized Superintendent J. J. Reggan to proceed on the lines indicated in his report as rapidly as possible. This system, in brief, means classes, pupils rising from a lower to higher grade as in city schools. It is an important move which is highly recommended by Superintendent Reagan whose plan was endorsed by the teachers' institute.

The schedule of teachers' salaries will be as follows:

Principals in high schools not more than $50 a month; first assistants not more than $35; first grade teachers in districts having 85 pupils or more, not exceeding $35; in districts having less than 85 but more than 65 pupils, not exceeding $30; in districts having less than 65 pupils first grade teachers may receive not more than $25; second grade teachers not more than $25 in any case. This is last year's rule and the board made this modification, while these rules are absolutely binding on committeemen the board of education orders that no teacher having less than one year's experience shall be paid more than $30 a month, but for sufficient reasons presented to it the board may allow committeemen to pay teachers more than $35 a month.

In the past year the board, composed of J. C. Martin, chairman, R. J. Claxton and R. C. Clayton, has disbursed $17,000.

**Asheville Citizen July 4, 1904**

# GOING TO PLAY BALL IN WEST ASHEVILLE

## The Old Folks Across the River Will Cross Bats Saturday Afternoon at 4:30.

"Speaking of baseball," said a resident of West Asheville this morning, "if you want to see a real game—an interesting game—a genuine exhibition of the national sport—just come over into West Asheville Saturday afternoon and watch my fellow townsmen play. Our old folks have tired of reading the published accounts of the league games in which Asheville invariably goes down in defeat—usually without so much as getting entirely around the bases—and they are determined to go in and redeem the lost prestige of our mountain city and country. The game that will be played across the river Saturday will be the correct article and you can just gamble on that. The line-up we don't propose to announce until after the game, inasmuch as there is an age clause in the plans and specifications that debars all under 60 and over 90 years of age from playing, and some of our fellows are fearful that the records may be resorted to and challenges result. We have also levied a deadline as to base-running and the first player caught going around the diamond faster than a walk will be instantly sent to the bench. The umpire? Oh, he hasn't been selected yet. In fact, we haven't decided whether or not we will have one. Our old folks feel that they know as much about balls and strikes as their grandsons and that they can see when a ball is fair or foul. They kinder resent the idea of having some one on the ground to point out these little details and it is very probable that the vote will be against the umpire. Just come out to the game and you'll get your money's worth—admission free."

Asheville Gazette News July 21, 1904

# West Asheville Waterworks System Almost Completed

The new waterworks system which R. B. Hays is building for West Asheville is almost completed. In fact water is now being supplied to a number of consumers.

The system consists of a ten thousand gallon tank located on Mr. Hayes' place and three miles of pipe. The water is pumped into the tank by an engine and comes from a mountain side spring, clear, pure and sparkling. The tank is elevated and stands on elevated ground so that it is visible from Montford avenue and from the end of Patton avenue. The mains lead from this tank toward Asheville and are now laid past the residences of Dr. W. C. Brownson and J. G. Merrimon.

The system is highly advantageous to this rapidly growing suburb.

**Asheville Citizen August 14, 1904**

# COUNTY FARM

## A Visitor to Western North Carolina Writes of Caney Brown's Farm.

Editor Gazette-News:

Will you kindly allow me a very brief space in your paper to say that my purpose in visiting your state was to acquaint myself with the conditions of farms and farmers; and that after having visited nearly all the counties in this beautiful transmontaine section of North Carolina, and looking over numerous farms, I have reached the conclusion that there is no better locality in the south for scientific and progressive farmers and truckaters than right here in Buncombe county.

Among the many attractive and fertile farms that I have seen none have impressed me more favorably than that of Mr. Caney Brown near Emma station, on the Leicester road, three miles distant from this city, which a short while ago I visited at the invitation of the owner, who carried me over the entire place, through fields of gigantic corn and waving grain, which showed at a glance a judicious exercise of both brain and muscle. Everything moves like clock-work on this farm, for "system" is the motto. The dwelling—which by the way is equipped with all the comforts and conveniences of modern life—is one of the most substantial and attractive I have seen since my arrival in this section some months ago.

In a short communication like this it is impossible to do justice to this farm, and hence I would advise all persons interested in progressive farming, to drive out over a finely constructed macadamized road, and take a look at "Uncle Caney's" farm.

VISITOR.

Asheville Gazette News August 16, 1904

# WORK WAS COMMENCED ON NEW PLANT TODAY

Work on the foundation of the French Broad Granite-Brick company, whose plant will be located on the west side of the French Broad river, close to Riverside park, was commenced this morning. It is expected that the buildings will be completed, and the machinery installed in about six weeks. Mr. Hobart of the New York office of the H. Hunnekes company is the engineer in charge of the construction work. The French Broad Granite-Brick company will manufacture sand-lime brick that is now being used extensively all over the country for private and public buildings.

Asheville Gazette News August 20, 1904

# ROAD BUILDING IN WEST ASHEVILLE

A force of the convicts are at work cutting a new road from the old Henry house near Smith's bridge, and west of the river, to a point near where the Hazel Green mill stood. The building of this road will open up the Henry Property which for twenty years has been entailed, but recently a clear title was obtained and the property is now in the hands of real-estate dealers and has been divided into lots and quite a number already sold.

Asheville Gazette News August 24, 1904

# AN APPEAL FOR A NEGRO HOSPITAL

## Drs. Bryan and Walker, on Behalf of Their Race, Ask for Help in a Most Worthy Cause.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 27, 1904.

To All Who Sympathize with Sick and Suffering Humanity:

We desire to begin this brief statement of what we hope to accomplish by expressing our grateful appreciation of the many kindnesses that we and our people have received in the past. While space is insufficient for us to name our many friends, we take time now at the outset to say that among others, the managers of the Asheville Mission hospital stand pre-eminent as deserving our thanks, which we now most cordially tender them. For many years, although oppressed with anxiety as to the means for sustaining their admirable institution, and although their limited room was often crowded with patients, they have given every care and attention to the sick and suffering colored people of this community and neighborhood, while their medical staff have done all for our relief that could be devised by the highest skill. Truly we should be ashamed of ourselves and deserve the contempt of all good people if we were slack in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to these kind friends and good physicians.

We beg most earnestly that it will not be taken to indicate any lack of appreciation on our part for what has been done in our behalf, when we express the conviction that the time has come when we should relieve our kind friends of some part of the burden that they have patiently borne so long and try to take upon our own shoulders at least a part of the care and treatment of our own people.

Naturally, in suggesting the establishment of a hospital for the colored people the first question is, "Where shall it be located?" This is of vital importance. Every sanitary consideration should be had in mind, and at the same time a place should be selected in which no injury or inconvenience will be inflicted upon the vicinity. Happily for us, we have such a place at our disposal—the large and commodious building known as the Colored Children's Home affords room for both that valued institution and for our colored hospital. It will be necessary only to complete the upper story, and we will have all that we desire, to meet the requirements of our people for some time to come. In part this work has already been done. Kind friends whose names are in part given below have made contributions amounting to $235.50, which has been economically expended for this purpose. Many white physicians of Asheville have expressed approval of this effort and have kindly promised us their professional aid in its management.

Greatly encouraged by these expressions of sympathy, we, as two of the colored physicians of Asheville, have determined to make an earnest effort to establish and conduct a hospital for the alleviation of the suffering sick and injured of our people.

The proper completion and furnishing of the building will cost $300, and to obtain this we will solicit subscriptions from our friends.

Very respectfully,
JAMES W. BRYAN, M. D.
JOHN W. WALKER, M. D.

The following persons have already contributed the amounts set opposite their respective names. To each of them the heartfelt thanks of the writers of this appeal are tendered:

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| Messrs. Noland, Brown & Co., | $10.00 |
| Mr. F. W. W. Graham, | 5.00 |
| Mr. Wynn, | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Charles McNamee | 5.00 |
| Mr. Roebling, | 50.00 |
| Mrs. Doyle | 5.00 |
| Mr. P. S. Henry, | 6.00 |
| Mr. E. Harding, | 10.00 |
| Rev. R. R. Swope | 10.00 |
| Mr. F. S. Coxe | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Bartlett | 5.00 |
| Miss Patton, | 65.00 |
| Mr. T. W. Patton, | 20.00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 33.50 |
| Total, | $233.50 |

Asheville Gazette News August 31, 1904

# CONSTRUCTING LARGE LAKE AT THE ASHEVILLE SCHOOL

## Many Improvements Made During Past Summer at Well Known Institution—Gravity Water Line Complete—More Territory Added.—New Stables.

The Asheville School in West Asheville opened last week under more favorable auspices than since the establishment of the institution. There are now 100 students in the school, a larger attendance than at the opening of any previous session.

During the summer or vacation months many improvements have been made about the school grounds, the buildings, etc., the most noteworthy being the installation of a gravity water line, furnishing an abundance of pure mountain-spring water for the school. The pipe line is three miles in length and is laid from the school buildings to Moore's mountain, where the water is headed and sent through the pipes to the school. In addition to this water pipe line the management of the school is having constructed a large lake, or rather the enlargement of the present "pond." The dam across Ragsdale creek is being raised to a height of 50 feet, 20 feet higher than at present and the waters of this creek will supply the lake. All damages to property owners by reason of back water have been amicably settled and the lake will be one of the largest and prettiest in this section, excepting only those in the Sapphire country. When the dam across Ragsdale creek has been completed the route of the main road will be slightly changed and a driveway made across the dam. By this means a better grade will be had and also a more picturesque drive.

The school has recently added more territory to its already large and extensive boundary by the purchase of the Mrs. Mary Moore place at Acton and which adjoins the school property. This place is one of the prettiest in that section of the county and contains 75 acres.

In addition to these improvements a large stable is being built a quarter of a mile from the school buildings for the accommodation of the horses allowed the students.

Asheville Gazette News September 20, 1904

# WEST ASHEVILLE RIFLE CLUB SHOOT

The lovers of rifle shooting in West Asheville met yesterday afternoon and held a shoot with very good results. The best work was done by J. E. Erwin and W. H. Wright who made scores of 62 and 48 respectively. It is likely that club will be organized in a short time.

Asheville Daily Citizen October 29, 1904

THREE CENTS A COPY.
FOUR DOLLARS A YEAR.

# INCENDIARY FIRE IN WEST ASHEVILLE

## Stable of Rufus Wills Destroyed Last Night—Live Stock Saved

The stable of Rufus Wills, a well-to-do and industrious negro of West Asheville, was destroyed by fire last night about 9:30 o'clock. When the barn was first discovered on fire the flames were issuing from the loft and Wills with the assistance of neighbors succeeded in getting all the live stock and farm inplements from the place. A considerable quantity of corn piled against the side of the barn was also saved. Wills says that the fire was of incendiary origin; that the stable was locked and that there had been no fire about the place. The loss is between $500 and $600. Several other buildings close to the burned structure had a narrow escape from destruction.

Asheville Gazette News November 5, 1904

# West Asheville Newspaper Articles

## Articles from 1905 to 1907

# French Broad Granite-brick Company Now Making Brick

The French Broad Granite Brick company, located on the French Broad river close to Riverside park, was completed last week and put in operation. Since the starting of the works a number of brick have been manufactured daily to be used as samples, and with the completion of the side-tracking and the connecting of the tracks with the main line of the Southern Railway the plant's full capacity, 20,000 per day, will be turned out. The bricks being made by the French Broad Granite-Brick company are splendid specimens of building material and the output will be rapidly consumed. This style and color of bricks are being used extensively in different portions of the country in the construction of both residences and public buildings and the United States government has adopted the material for use in erecting government barracks.

Asheville Gazette News January 13, 1905

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ASHEVILLE, N. C. THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1905.

# FIRE AT BINGHAM; THE DAMAGE $2000

## One and One-Half Sections of the Barracks Were Entirely Destroyed.

## SEVERAL OF THE CADETS LOST ALL THEIR EFFECTS

### Fine Work Was Done by the Cadet Fire Organization—No One Was Injured.

Fire that broke out in the barracks at Bingham School, two miles from Asheville, last night about 11 o'clock, did damage to the extent of over $2000.

The fire was discovered by Night Watchman Thompson while making his round. At that time the blaze was burning brightly and the alarm was instantly turned in. All the cadets had retired some time previous, but it required only a few minutes for them to don their clothes and begin the battle against the flames. Col. Bingham was on the scene very shortly after the alarm was sounded and personally directed the movements of the fire-fighters. The school fire apparatus was brought into play and with the determined efforts of the cadets, the flames were finally checked and subsequently extinguished with a loss of a little more than $2000.

The fire, which was completely out before 2 o'clock this morning, originated in room 47, occupied by Cadets Durham and Wright of Birmingham, who were awakened by the night watchman's cry and hastily left the burning room. The flames then spread to other rooms of the section in which it originated and this section, composed of four dormitories containing eight students, was burned to the ground together with half of another adjoining section. In all there are eight ranges or sections of barracks at the Bingham school, the sections being separated from each other by a 10-foot passage, thus designed as a safe-guard in such an emergency as that of last night. It was one of these eight sections and a portion of another that was destroyed by last night's blaze.

No one was injured during the fire although several of the cadets lost part or all of their personal effects. Col. Bingham is loud in his praise of the conduct of the students during the fire and the able and systematic manner in which they coped with the flames.

Asheville Gazette News January 26, 1905

# BUNCOMBE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; THEIR CONDITIONS AND THEIR NEEDS

The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Public Schools who is ex-officio secretary of the Board, constitute the board of of directors for public schools of the county outside the city of Asheville. In Buncombe and in one other county in the state the Board of Education is elected by direct vote of the people.

Our present Board is composed of the worthy gentlemen, Julius C. Martin, chairman; Jason Ashworth and R. J. Gaston, members; were re-elected last November and enters upon its second term first Monday of July next. One of its first duties will be the election of the County Superintendent of public schools and township committeemen—three from each township—who will be chosen with no regard for party affiliation or denominational creeds, but with reference solely to the fitness of the man for this position. The selection of teachers rests with these committees, the present members of which are to be congratulated upon their wise selection of teachers for the term just out. And now, that the public schools are about all closed, it might be of interest to the public to have some general knowledge of the public schools—of what is being done and of what needs to be done. There are one hundred rural public schools in the county for the white and eighteen for the colored. One hundred and twenty white teachers were employed last term, among these 90 held first grade certificates and thirty second grade. Salaries ranged as follows: Five teachers at fifty dollars, three at forty-five dollars, eight at forty dollars, thirty-seven at thirty-five dollars, thirty-five at thirty dollars, twenty-six at twenty-five dollars and six at twenty dollars. Among the colored teachers four held first grade certificates and fourteen second grade, salaries uniformly $25.

Eight hundred dollars has been paid for modern desks, one hundred dollars for maps, and a considerable amount for charts, stoves, repairs, etc. What has been the purpose of all this expenditure of money and energy? To try to educate eleven thousand children. Examine the records and see if the results justify the means. Eight thousand children have been enrolled in the public schools this year. One thousand and twelve received "Certificates of Award," testifying that they had been neither tardy nor absent for three consecutive months; and more than two hundred have so far received "Term Certificates," many of the schools not heard from. The increased regular attendance in some of the schools has been very marked. A few schools having increased one hundred per cent over last year, and many fifty per cent. But there are so many children that never enter school and such a large number that go only for a few days that it does seem the time is at hand for some method of compulsion. This subject has been discussed time and again in the teachers' meetings for the past year. Every public school teacher in Buncombe county has reached the conviction that some form of an educational compulsory law is needed for North Carolina and if it can't be gotten for the state, let Buncombe have it; and to this end at the last teachers' meeting in Asheville a committee was appointed to meet with the Board of Education and draw up a bill to submit to the Legislature now in session. The committee met and the following bill was drafted, signed, and submitted:

The length of term has been five months, except in a few small districts. Above twenty subscription schools are now in progress and three schools in local tax districts. These are Fairview, Fairview township, J. E. Crutchfield, principal and two assistants; Morgan Hill, Ivy township, F. M. Burnett, principal, and two assistants; Antioch, Ivy township, J. Scroop Styles, principal, and one assistant. Too much cannot be said in commendation of these districts for the advance step they have taken for higher and more thorough education. They will not be alone in this move very long. Mr. J. D. Penland on last Saturday called for a blank petition. He says that West Asheville is going to petition to be allowed to vote on special tax at once. Mr. J. H. Sams of Flat Creek, says that Flat Creek High School district will vote the tax this spring, and others will be in line. No more worthy and beneficial tax could a people vote upon themselves than a local tax to help educate the poor children of their neighbors who are less fortunate than themselves. Certainly if the doctrine is true that charity should begin at home this would be a verification of it. When we compare the little school tax we pay—only eighteen cents on the hundred dollars with the school tax paid in all the Northern, Central and Western states, which runs from sixty cents to ninety cents on the hundred dollars, we are astonished that we can have even a five-month school term. We can never hope to keep our best teachers in this work with as many other inviting fields before them, until we can pay better salaries and have longer terms.

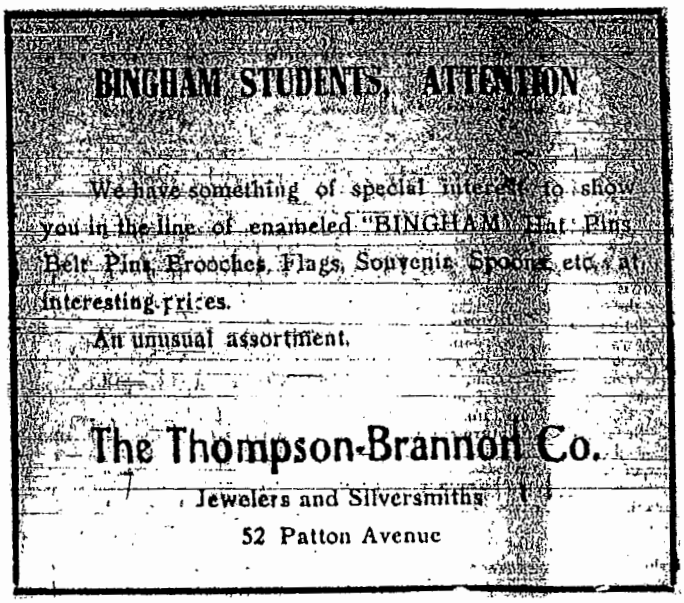
## "MOTHER JONES" TO SPEAK HERE

"Mother" Jones will be here Saturday and Sunday, and will deliver free addresses each day. "Mother" Jones is the woman known all over the United States as the angel of the coal miners and textile workers. She has spent many years among them, helping them in every way she could. On the occasion of the big Eastern strike she moved and led the miners herself. "Mother Jones" is a pronounced socialist, and it is expected that many will make this opportunity of hearing the labor side of the question, even if they do not agree with her in principle. Although it is not yet certain it is expected that she will deliver her address in the court house.

If you want wood, phone 700.

A square deal in wood. 'Phone 700.

**Asheville Citizen February 15, 1905**


BINGHAM STUDENTS, ATTENTION
We have something of special interest to show you in the line of enameled "BINGHAM" Hat Pins, Belt Pins, Brooches, Flags, Souvenir Spoons, etc., at interesting prices.
An unusual assortment.
The Thompson-Brannon Co.
Jewelers and Silversmiths
52 Patton Avenue


**Asheville Citizen February 15, 1905**

## Competitive Drill

# BINGHAM CADETS

Friday, May 5th
AT

# RIVERSIDE PARK

4 o'clock.
Music By First Regiment Band.
ADMISSION FREE.

Asheville Gazette News May 5, 1905

# THE BINGHAM CADETS IN COMPETITIVE DRILL

## Company A Awarded the Prize Flag—Honors Divided Between Capt. Dale and Capt. Drain—The Contest.

The annual competitive drill of the Bingham cadets at Riverside park yesterday afternoon was witnessed by a small crowd owing to the inclemency of the weather. The exhibition was one of the best given and demonstrated the excellent training that the cadets have received. The contests were spirited and in two instances the judges were unable to decide between the contestants. The prize for the best drilling by commissioned officers was divided between Capt. Dale of company A and Capt. Drain of company C. Each of these officers will receive a medal. Sergeant Largeant of company A and Sergeant Harlan of company B will also each receive a medal, the honors being divided. Private McPherson received the prize for the greatest improvement in drilling among second year men. Private A. Boothe was awarded the medal for greatest improvement in first year men. The company flag was given to company A after a spirited contest. The judges were: Capt. Lindsey of the Blue Ridge Rifles, Major White G. Smith and Capt. John Perry, U. S. A.

Asheville Gazette News May 6, 1905

# Dam Across Ragsdale Creek In West Asheville Complete

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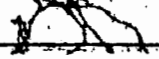
Asheville Gazette News May 8, 1905

# New $6,000 Club House to be Erected on Bingham Heights

J. E. Stevens has been awarded the contract for the erection of a handsome club house at Bingham school and work on the new structure will be commenced at once. The contract calls for a building three stories in height to be located near the tennis courts; the first story will be of brick and the second and third pebble-dashed. The building will cost $6,000 and must be completed by September 1 of this year.

The new club house on Bingham Heights will add greatly to the famous school. The plans for the building show a handsome structure architectually, convenient and modern. The first floor will have a cafe, barber shop and pressing club with a commodious storeroom. The second and third floors will be given up to a ball room and billiard room.



Asheville Gazette News May 27, 1905

JUNE 28 1905.

# CARRIER AND GASTON BOUNDARY IS BOUGHT BY GAY GREEN AND P. H. THRASH

## Consideration Approximately $37,000--To be Subdivided Into Residence Lots.

## A CITY TO BE BUILT BEYOND THE TAHKEEOSTEE

## The Property Contains 480 Acres and Has Over a Mile of River Frontage.

One of the biggest real estate deals negotiated in this section since the transfer of vast holdings to George W. Vanderbilt was successfully closed up today by the well known real estate firm of Hall & Penland, when 480 acres of beautifully located residential property in the West Asheville section, overlooking the French Broad river and known as the Carrier and Gaston boundary, was transferred to Gay Green and P. H. Thrash of this city for the consideration of approximately $37,000. The property has a frontage of more than a mile on the west side of the French Broad river and also a great frontage on the main macadamized roads traversing West Asheville. The deal that was consummated today has been on for the past several days, but the matter was kept quiet and little was known of the negotiations until the formal transfer of the papers this afternoon, when the statement was made that the property was purchased by Messers Green and Thrash with a view of sub-dividing it into residence lots and the building of a city across the French Broad. The property has also been surveyed and platted with provision for broad streets throughout the tract. It has two entrances from the Asheville side, one at the Carrier's bridge, spanning the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers near Biltmore and the other at the Smith's bridge in the milling section of this city.

The rapid growth of West Asheville during the past twelve months and the sale of the Carrier and Gaston boundary today has given rise to renewed speculation relative to a trolley line into that section [redacted] made this morning on good authority that the necessary funds for the building of a road from this city to the Asheville school, five miles from here, were practically in sight and that the road would undoubtedly be constructed during the next 12 months. It is said that the purpose of those interested in the road is to cross the river at a point between the Smith bridge and Carrier bridge and to route the line through the more thickly settled portions of West Asheville.

One of the purchasers of the boundary said this afternoon that a factory site would be donated to anyone or corporation desiring to locate in that section to be selected from three or four desirable locations and to include as much as four or five acres of land.

Asheville Gazette News June 28, 1905

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JULY 12, 1905 PRICE FIVE CENTS

# BIG ASHEVILLE SCHOOL DAM BREAKS UNDER THE STRESS OF ANGRY WATER

## Heavy Rainfall in Ragsdale Creek Causes Earthwork to Let Go

## HOMINY CREEK AND FRENCH BROAD RISING

## Report at Midnight Shows Rise of Sixty-five Inches at Smith's Bridge

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The effects of the breaking of the dam were to be seen along the river here last night about midnight. At that time the river had risen about 65 inches and was still rising slowly. There is at present, it was reported, little danger of great damage to the lower section of the town, but should the heavy rains continue the bridges would be in danger and material losses might result.

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Asheville Gazette May 8, 1905

# ELECTROCUTED ON CARRIER'S BRIDGE

## Arthur Jackson Killed by Live Wire Yesterday Afternoon— Was Walking Top of Span

## PERILOUS WORK OF RESCUING THE BODY

### Victim Climbed to Top of Bridge to Inspect Bird's Nest—Second Tragedy That Has Occurred There.

Arthur Jackson, a white man, 21 years of age and an employe of the Asheville cotton mills, was electrocuted on Carriers' bridge that spans the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers, two miles above Asheville yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The young man's untimely going is attributed directly to his desire to inspect a bird's nest in a crevice of the bridge though with no desire to rob the mother bird of her young.

Mr. Jackson in company with three companions, L. L. Hicks, E. L. McElroy and E. L. Turnbolt, according to the story told by one of the party, went for a tramp across the river into West Asheville and returning by the river road came to the Carrier's bridge shortly before 3 o'clock. When about midway the structure Mr. Jackson espied a bird's nest near the top of the iron span and climbed the latticed work to where the nest was located. Mr. Jackson took the young birds from the nest; held them up to the view of his companions and then with a laugh replaced them in the nest. Instead of descending to the bridgeway by the latticed work in the center of the structure the unfortunate young man climbed onto the top of the steel railing running the entire length of the bridge and with a width of perhaps 12 inches and walked toward the north or Asheville end of the structure. At the extreme end of the bridge uprights descend to the ground at an angle of about 45 degrees while at the point of the angle is a wooden arm containing several electric light wires conveying current from the plant of the Asheville Electric company on Hominy to this city. Upon reaching this end of the bridge the victim either started to fall and caught the wire or not realizing the danger placed his right hand on the wire for support in descending. Instantly and without a groan he fell back on the iron uprights while the issue of smoke and the smell of burning flesh attracted the attention of the companions below and held them horrified. Realizing in an instant, however, that Mr. Jackson had come in contact with a live wire one member of the party climbed the bridge to where the young man lay and catching hold of his coat jerked his hand loose from the wire. It was a dangerous piece of work for had the rescuer caught the victim's hand or arm a double tragedy would have been enacted. After the victim's hand had been released from the wire the body rolled into a groove of the upright portion of the bridge where it lay suspended 20 feet from the floor of the bridge and 50 feet above the waters of the French Broad and Swannanoa. The young man who had gone to the rescue recognizing that death had ensued and that his own life was in peril amid the net-work of wires hastily descended to the driveway below. With the body of young Jackson resting on the top of the bridge one of his companions hurried to the nearest telephone and notified Sheriff Reed of the accident while the remaining two watched at the bridge. Sheriff Reed responded to the call and reaching the scene found 50 or 75 people standing around looking at the gruesome sight. The sheriff asked for aid to help get the body down but none of those about the place would offer their assistance, owing to the danger of such an undertaking and the sheriff with a rope in his hand and unaided climbed to where the body lay amid the wires carrying 3,000 volts of electricity and fastening the rope to the victim's body succeeded in lowering it to the bridge-way below. While working at the top of the bridge Sheriff Reed had several narrow escapes from coming in contact with the wires and once his head barely grazed the wire that had sent young Jackson to his death.

The remains were conveyed to the undertaking establishment of Harris Bard & Co., on South Main street and prepared for burial. The body was taken to the young man's former home in the Lower Hominy section of the county today for interment. Mr. Jackson came to Asheville about two weeks ago and secured employment in the Asheville cotton mills. He was well known in the Hominy section and has many friends there who will regret to learn of his untimely death.

BRIDGE SCENE OF TWO TRAGEDIES

Another similar tragedy occurred at identically the same place on Carriers bridge about three years ago when Homer Randall in walking along the top of the structure fell and caught the live wire and was electrocuted. Mr. Randall was held above the bridge-way by the live wire until his hands burned off when the body fell to the floor below.

Asheville Gazette News June 26, 1905

# W. J. Gentry's West Asheville Residence Was Burned Today

The residence of W. J. Gentry of West Asheville, located two miles across the French Broad river, was burned to the ground this morning about 9 o'clock. It is supposed that the fire had its origin in the roof of the structure due to a defective flue.

Mr. Gentry purchased the property only about ten days ago and expected to move into his new home last week. The residence was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Buckner and owing to Mrs. Buckner's illness Mr. Gentry was delayed in getting into the house. Arrangements had been made for the vacating of the residence by Mr. Buckner today, however, and Mr. Gentry's household effects were on the way to West Asheville when he received notification of the fire. Mrs. Buckner was taken from the burning structure on a cot. The residence was covered by insurance.

Asheville Gazette News July 15, 1905

## SMALL BLAZE OCCURS IN WEST ASHEVILLE

### Residence of W. J. Gentry Burned. Mrs. Buckner Carried From House on Cot.

The residence of W. J. Gentry, of West Asheville, was burned yesterday morning at about 9 o'clock. It is supposed that the house caught fire on the roof owing to a defective flue.

Mr. Gentry had purchased the property only about ten days ago and at the time expected to move in right away, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Buckner, who was living in the house at that time, had put off moving until yesterday and some of the household effects were on the way when he received notice of the fire. Mrs. Buckner was taken from the burning house on a cot. The loss was covered by insurance.

Asheville Citizen July 16, 1905

# FRENCH BROAD RIVER BOTTOM TO BE DEEDED AS ACREAGE

## But Purchasers Raise Strenuous Objections and Want to Know What Are They Here for a River—Passing of Deeds for Tract Hangs on Novel Point

[illegible] for the purchase of the French Broad River bottom [illegible] of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad from Asheville to the South Carolina line will be settled.

The deal will either result in the change of title to it will put and then are completed the proposition.

When it was announced some two months ago that the Easton and Carolina interests had agreed to buy [illegible] of Messrs. Green and Finch, it was supposed that the matter was settled and that nothing [illegible] to [illegible] the deed. No thought of parties [illegible] entered when the [illegible] a success. But an [illegible] arose. The Easton and Carolina had agreed by written contract to [illegible] all of a certain tract, described at boundaries, to the purchasers at the price of $[illegible] per acre, the number of acres to be indicated by survey. It was [illegible] that there were [illegible] more than 100 acres in the tract and no attempt was undertaken, but when the surveys were made there were [illegible]. The acreage found by the surveys was 11 acres short of that anticipated and settlement was made with the [illegible] The purchasers attributed the shortage to the fact that former surveys were inaccurate but the sellers held this and said that part of the land had been taken for the roads. The purchasers finally agreed to make [illegible] but there was still a difference [illegible] between Hayes and Finch and they then [illegible] the transaction could be consummated [illegible] but finally it was [illegible].

The deficiency of [illegible] was in the river and accordingly [illegible].

The theory of [illegible] was that by the French Broad is a [illegible] stream from Asheville up there and it refers when a deed calls for the [illegible] back of the river it calls for [illegible] line for the center of the river, and a prominent lawyer of the city gave as his opinion that the certificates had called for a certain [illegible] and that tract originating in the deed at the bank it really extended to the center of the river and the [illegible] ten acres or so were found and it was up to Green and Finch to pay for them at [illegible].

Messrs. Green and Finch [illegible] to [illegible] which at first [illegible] did not take seriously. Said one of them facetiously

"We are not dealing in any streams, didn't agree to buy any river. What do we want with a river? To swim in? Now suppose that half of this river is ours, what can we do with it? Can we take it away? The [illegible] pect us to say to Mr. Vanderbilt, 'Some of your river is coming in and [illegible] something without [illegible] it.' Now if we owned [illegible] we might take it up and [illegible] it in Kansas, but you can't [illegible]. The proposition [illegible]

surveyor, that the other [illegible] Plains and thereupon they [illegible] it. While [illegible] tion, gave them a deed to [illegible] angles of law [illegible] not obliged to take the [illegible] other sides stood pat and [illegible] stand. It is believed that the [illegible] will offer a deed [illegible] and that the purchasers will [illegible] pay for the acreage and [illegible] deal will be off unless there are [illegible] positions.

**Asheville Citizen September 13, 1905**

# Refused Deed to River Bottom and Lawsuit Follows

A law suit will be necessary before the deed from the Cartier and Gaston interests will be accepted by Gay Green and P. H. Thrash, the prospective purchasers of the four hundred acres across Cartier's mill, C. from Asheville. The suit will be begun at once.

As indicated in yesterday's Citizen there was a marked difference of opinion between the buyers and sellers as to whether the bottom of the French Broad river should be included in the deed and paid for as so many acres by the purchasers, about fifty acres at $95 per acre. The purchasers do not want to pay for the river bottom or river either, while the sellers said that the contract provided that Green and Thrash should pay that sum per acre for all the land in a certain tract and that tract extended to the middle of the river.

When the sellers tendered the deed yesterday, with the bottom included, the purchasers refused to accept it and then the sellers directed their attorneys to bring suit to decide the question.

**Asheville Citizen September 14, 1905**

# SOLD FRENCH BROAD TO ASHEVILLE MAN

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FORMERLY GRANTED HIM BOTTOM OF RIVER

He Paid Fifteen Cents An Acre for Twelve Miles of Land Under Water

It is said

The failure of negotiations for the sale of the Carrier lands because the purchasers did not want to pay for half of the bottom of the French Broad river opposite the land at the same rate they were charged for dry land, while the sellers insisted that it should be paid for by the acreage as it is part of a certain tract bargained to be sold, develops an interesting fact.

And this fact is that an Asheville man had a deed from the state conveying to him all the bottom of the French Broad river from Dorman's bridge to the mouth of Bent's creek, about 12 miles in length.

If his title is good the controversy about the bottom land into Carrier lands seems unnecessary.

The purchaser from the state is Mr. B. J. Alexander and the state specifically deeds to him the beds of the river. One of the deeds to him was found yesterday in the register of deeds office in book No. 2 at page 478. The state grant was issued July 15, 1891, and conveys "A tract of land containing 5.25 acres lying and being in the county of Buncombe, the water bed or channel of that part of the French Broad river, situated between the mouth of Avery's creek and the bridge crossing near Asheville known as Smith's bridge." The land was "entered" June 27, 1890.

The price paid for the tract of land covered by water was the large sum of fifteen cents per acre. The deed for the other portions was not found.

The history of this purchase is rather unusual. Mr. Alexander sold to Vanderbilt land adjoining the river and at the time had entered suit to signalize his intent to own the contiguous bank, and which he obtained, but Mr. Vanderbilt was to pay $1100 for it. Whether that was the understanding with his attorneys, the late Marion Butler, Mr. Carter died leaving the matter and as there was only one witness standing between him and Mr. Alexander the trade was not consummated. The estate might have bought out the adverse suit but the bottom would be of no value to the owner.

It therefore appears that the state of North Carolina recognizes that she is a mere bailee while the owner of the land is the real owner.

In this connection it may be said that Mr. Alexander's foresightedness of some years ago promises a rich fruit for a large part of the river bed bear there.

**Asheville Citizen September 15, 1905**

ASHEVILLE GAZETTE-NEWS

# ASHEVILLE RIFLE CLUB TO SECURE NEW RANGE

## Probably 500 Yard Range Across the French Broad Will Be Taken.

It was stated today that the Asheville Rifle club will probably secure a new range within the next few days. The range now under consideration is just across the French Broad river and if it can be secured the members of the association will have the finest range in the state. The proposed new range will give an opportunity for practice at a distance of 500 yards. The old range at the terminus of the Charlotte street car line is unsatisfactory because of lack of distance and the club has for some time been considering a new range. The association, of which Judge Pritchard is president, is growing in membership and interest in the weekly handicap shoots for the trophy, a handsome rifle, offered by the Stevens Arms' company, continues to increase.

Asheville Gazette News October 9, 1905

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

# INSURANCE COMPANY IS DULY ORGANIZED

## IMPERIAL MUTUAL LIFE AND HEALTH COMPANY FORMED.

### Local Men Are Inorporators and It Will Soon be Ready for Business.

The formal organization of the Imperial Mutual Life and Health Insurance company was formally effected yesterday morning at a meeting of the incorporators in the office of Charles A. Webb, attorney for the company, and the following officers elected:

President, Gay Green; first vice-president, J. N. Jarrett, second vice-president, J. P. Starnes; secretary, A. W. Ek; treasurer, W. B. Starnes; general counsel, Charles A. Webb. The board of directors chosen is composed of Gay Green, A. W. Ek, W. B. Starnes, J. P. Starnes, and J. N. Jarrett.

The company is purely mutual, there being no stockholders, and profits will be apportioned among the policy holders as in the case of other mutual companies. The company has a charter and will be empowered to do business as soon as 200 applications for policies are secured and the company has been passed by the insurance commissioner.

The company is modelled after other "industrial" insurance companies, which do a large business here and payments on policies will be made weekly. Messrs. Ek, J. Starnes, Jarrett and Starnes have been identified with other companies of like character and they will give personal attention to securing business. Plans for the Asheville office are not yet matured but ten solicitors will be employed.

Asheville Citizen October 27, 1905

# Three School Districts to Vote on Special Tax Levy Tuesday, May 16

The county board of education has approved the petition of districts 2 and 3, Asheville township, asking for an election to be held at Hazel precinct to ascertain the will of the people of these districts relative to levying a special school tax of 30 cents on the $100 worth of property and 90 cents poll.

The board of county commissioners yesterday ordered that the election be held and designated Tuesday, May 16, as the date. James Crowell of West Asheville was appointed registrar.

Asheville Gazette News November 4, 1905

# Asheville Rifle Club Removes to Fine New Range

The Asheville Rifle club has removed its rifle range from the grounds beyond the golf club to a more convenient location and one which affords a range equal to any in the country.

The new site is immediately across the French Broad river, and to the left of Smith's bridge. It is a long stretch of level bottom in a northerly and southerly direction, with a high hill at the target end, and affords a range of two hundred and five hundred yards. It is the Miller property and the club has leased it for five years.

The targets and clubhouse have been moved from the former site and are now being erected on the new location, and, while it is doubtful if a shoot can be held this week, the club's weekly shoot will take place next week. The new site is also more accessible and nearer the city than the former site.

**Asheville Citizen November 8, 1905**

# RIFLE CLUB ON THE NEW RANGE

## FIRST SHOOT ON RECENTLY ACQUIRED GROUNDS.

### Club Can Now Boast of Having One of the Most Perfect Ranges in the State.

The first shoot of the Asheville Rifle Club on their new range was enjoyed by a number of the members yesterday afternoon. Dr. E. B. Glenn made the largest score and for the second time won the handsome Stevens Rifle.

The club can now boast of one of the most perfect 200-yard ranges in the country. It is only about a three-foot rise from the firing line to the target, making it as near level as can be had in any locality. In the event the club should desire a longer range it can be made up to 500 yards.

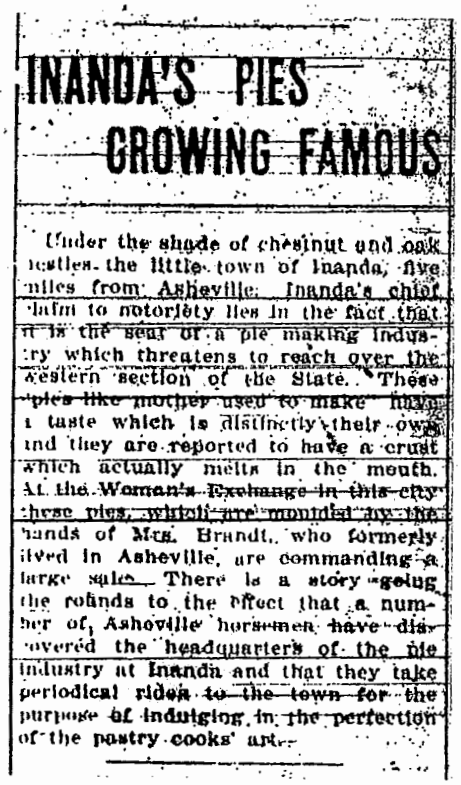
The rifle has been won by the following members and in the order named: W. T. Stevens, one; W. H. Wright, one; H. L. Herron, one; Dr. D. H. Bevier, one; Dr. E. B. Glenn, two.

The Score Yesterday.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Glenn | 85½ | 64½ | —150 |
| Bevier | 65½ | 50½ | —116 |
| [illegible] | 65 | 79 | —144 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | —[illegible] |
| Sawyer, C. | 62 | 73 | —135 |
| Brown, J. H. | 75 | 62 | —137 |
| Herron | 67½ | 58½ | —126 |
| Badger | 57 | [illegible] | 57 |

The next practice shoot will be held on Tuesday next, and being shoot on Thursday afternoon following. The shoot will be held promptly at 2 o'clock.

**Asheville Citizen November 10, 1905**



# INANDA'S PIES GROWING FAMOUS

Under the shade of chestnut and oak tastles the little town of Inanda, five miles from Asheville. Inanda's chief claim to notoriety lies in the fact that it is the seat of a pie making industry which threatens to reach over the western section of the State. These pies like mother used to make have a taste which is distinctly their own and they are reported to have a crust which actually melts in the mouth. At the Woman's Exchange in this city these pies, which are moulded by the hands of Mrs. Brandt, who formerly lived in Asheville, are commanding a large sale. There is a story going the rounds to the effect that a number of Asheville horsemen have discovered the headquarters of the pie industry at Inanda and that they take periodical rides to the town for the purpose of indulging in the perfection of the pastry cooks' art.

**Asheville Citizen November 17, 1905**

# MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT BINGHAM SCHOOL

## COMPLETION OF CLUB BUILDING CELEBRATED BY STUDENTS.

### Libary Also Being Fitted Out for the Boys—Col. Bingham Honored.

During the past summer many additional improvements were made to the already apparently complete plant of the Bingham school. Undoubtedly the most attractive of these new buildings is the club house erected at a cost of over $7,000 by Col. Bingham's son, Mr. W. Bingham, now of Louisville, Ky. This building is in the happiest style of Mr. H. L. Smith, who has designed so many attractive buildings, public and private, in and near Asheville. It is three stories in height, 30x50 feet in size, of granite brick and plaster construction. The first floor contains quarters for the steward and stewardess, a cafe, a kitchen, dressing room and rooms for the storage of supplies. The second floor is one beautiful big room, containing billiard and pool tables and other games that furnish pleasant and wholesome amusement, and is a favorite lounging place for both teachers and students.

The most beautiful features of the building, however, is the auditorium, which occupies the entire third floor. The beautifully finished woodwork, harmonizing in exquisite taste with the coloring of the walls, the great open fireplaces, the deep inviting window seats, the numerous dormer windows through which one gets a magnificent view over river and mountains all combine to make this the most attractive room imaginable.

The club house was opened to the students last week, and on Saturday night the student gave a most delightful informal dance in the beautiful auditorium. Another new building is the laboratory and class room for the physics and chemistry classes. This is being built in the most approved manner and will enable the school to do scientific work equal to the standard of most colleges.

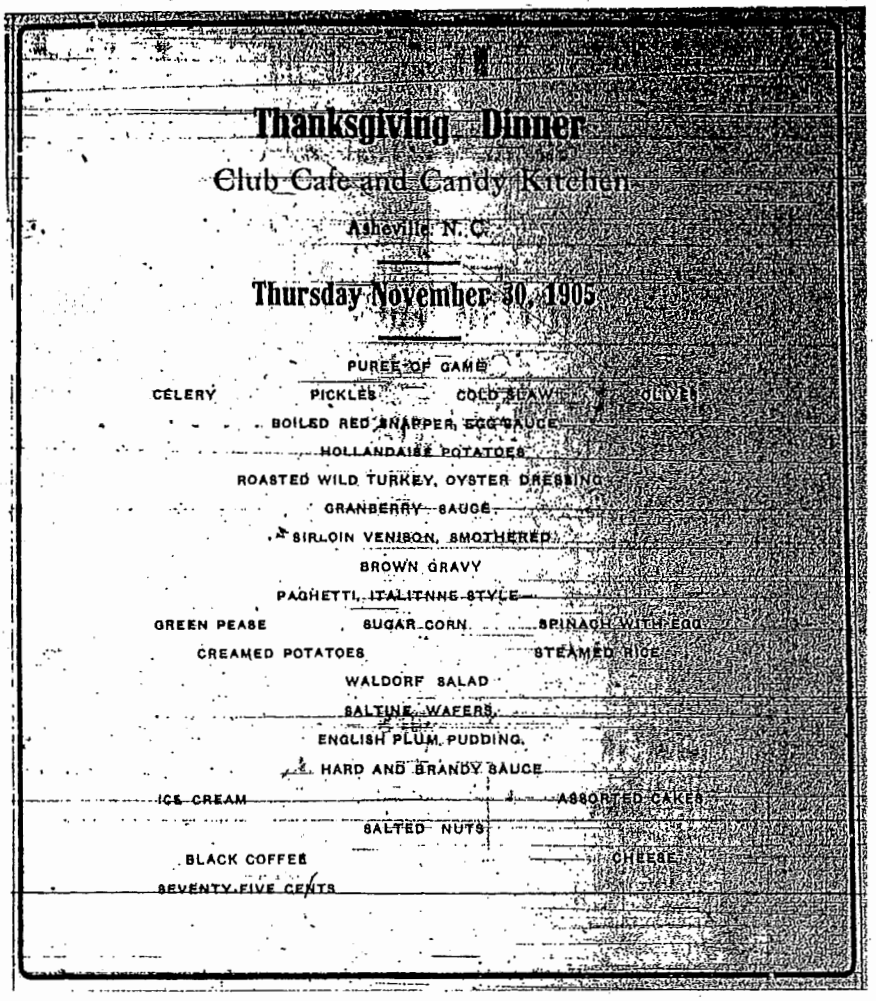
The library and reading room has been finished and is now being fitted and having the books placed. Still other favorite "loafing" places with the students are their society or fraternity quarters, all three of which are tastefully furnished and provide attractive places in which the members may gather to entertain their friends.

In every way this famous school is most flourishing with the barracks full and several applications for places on file.

One of its highest compliments recently was the invitation extended to Col. Bingham to deliver the address at the University of North Carolina on October 17th, the anniversary of the opening of the university. As usual Col. Bingham had something to say well worth hearing, and he said it in his usual forceful manner.

**Asheville Citizen November 19, 1905**

Asheville Citizen November 29, 1905



# Thanksgiving Dinner

Club Cafe and Candy Kitchen

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## Thursday November 30, 1905

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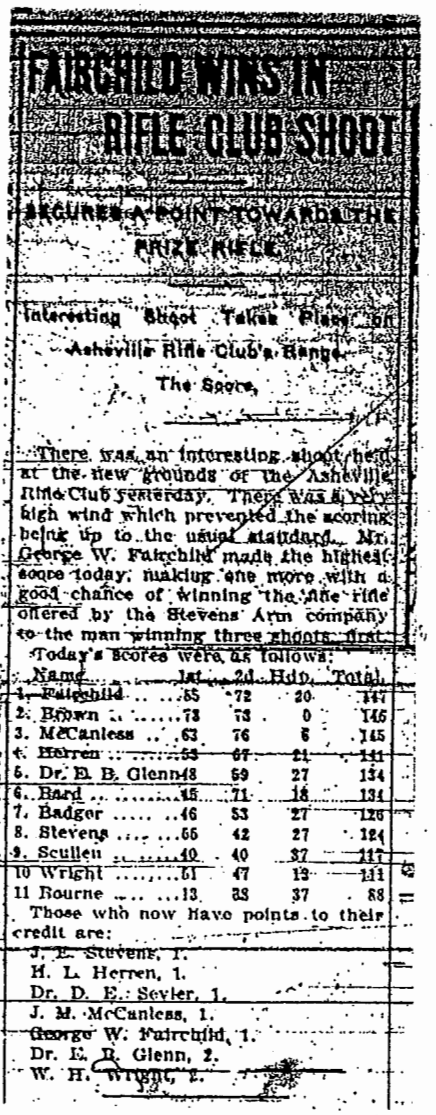

# FAIRCHILD WINS IN RIFLE CLUB SHOOT

## SECURES A POINT TOWARD THE PRIZE RIFLE

### Interesting Shoot Takes Place on Asheville Rifle Club's Range

### The Score.

There was an interesting shoot held at the new grounds of the Asheville Rifle Club yesterday. There was a very high wind which prevented the scoring being up to the usual standard. Mr. George W. Fairchild made the highest score today, making one more with a good chance of winning the rifle offered by the Stevens Arm company to the man winning three shoots first.

Today's scores were as follows:

| Name | 1st | 2d | Hdp. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Fairchild | 85 | 72 | 20 | 177 |
| 2. Brown | 73 | 73 | 0 | 146 |
| 3. McCanless | 63 | 76 | 6 | 145 |
| 4. Herren | 53 | 67 | 21 | 141 |
| 5. Dr. E. B. Glenn | 48 | 69 | 27 | 134 |
| 6. Baird | 45 | 71 | 18 | 134 |
| 7. Badger | 46 | 53 | 27 | 126 |
| 8. Stevens | 55 | 42 | 27 | 124 |
| 9. Scullen | 40 | 40 | 37 | 117 |
| 10 Wright | 51 | 47 | 13 | 111 |
| 11 Bourne | 13 | 38 | 37 | 88 |

Those who now have points to their credit are:

J. E. Stevens, 1.
H. L. Herren, 1.
Dr. D. E. Sevier, 1.
J. M. McCanless, 1.
George W. Fairchild, 1.
Dr. E. B. Glenn, 2.
W. H. Wright, 2.

**Asheville Citizen December 1, 1905**

# SULPHUR SPRINGS

# NEW I. O. O. F. HALL

## ODD FELLOWS WILL BUILD NEW BUILDING SOON.

First Floor to be Used for Mercantile Purposes and Second for I. O. O. F. Lodge.

Sulphur Springs lodge I. O. O. F. will build a fine new hall in West Asheville.

The building will be located on land recently acquired from the Green-Thrash property near Mrs. Patterson's. It will be 30x70 feet in size and of two stories. The first floor will be used for store purposes and the second will be finely fitted up as a lodge room.

The Sulphur Springs lodge has recently elected the following officers: A. H. Brooks, N. G.; W. G. Miller, V. G.; D. C. Ledford, recording secretary; M. C. Shook, financial secretary; N. L. Herron, treasurer. The building committee is composed of C. L. Lineberry, Lee Duckett and Bert McClain.

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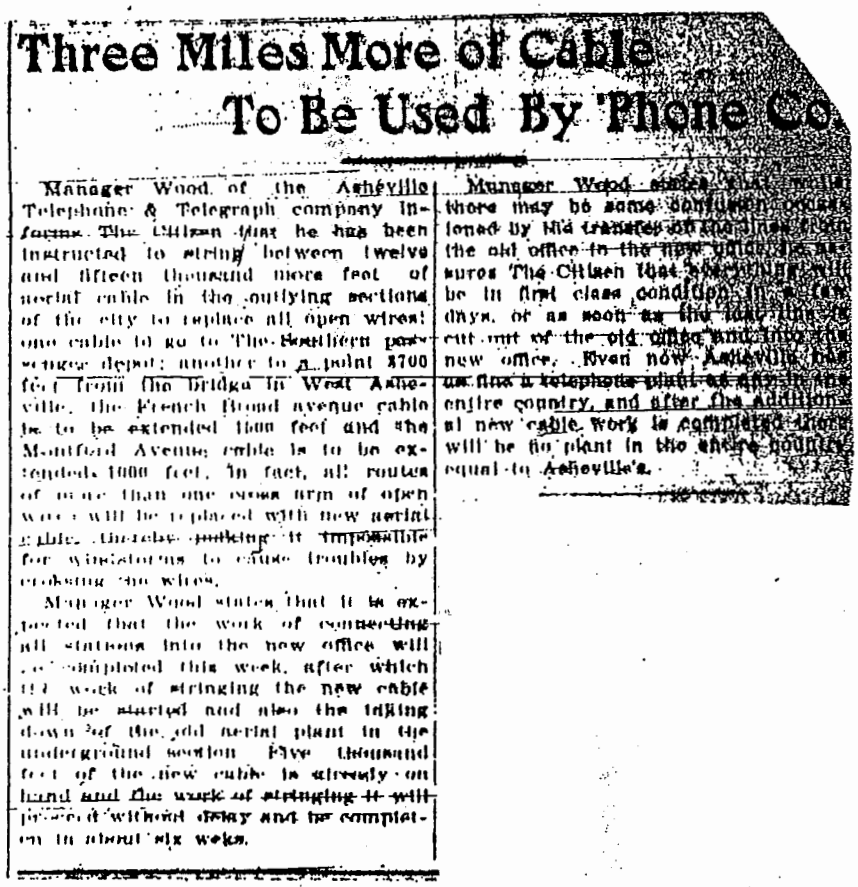

# Three Miles More of Cable To Be Used By 'Phone Co.

Manager Wood of the Asheville Telephone & Telegraph company informs The Citizen that he has been instructed to string between twelve and fifteen thousand more feet of aerial cable in the outlying sections of the city to replace all open wires; one cable to go to The Southern passenger depot; another to a point 3700 feet from the bridge in West Asheville. The French Broad avenue cable is to be extended 1000 feet and the Montford Avenue cable is to be extended 1000 feet. In fact, all routes of more than one exposed arm of open wire will be replaced with new aerial cable, thereby making it impossible for windstorms to cause trouble by crossing the wires.

Manager Wood states that it is expected that the work of connecting all stations into the new office will be completed this week, after which the work of stringing the new cable will be started and also the inking down of the old aerial plant in the underground section. Five thousand feet of the new cable is already on hand and the work of stringing it will proceed without delay and be completed in about six weeks.

Manager Wood states that while there may be some confusion occasioned by the transfer of the lines from the old office to the new office, he assures The Citizen that everything will be in first class condition in a few days, or as soon as the last line is cut out of the old office and into the new office. Even now Asheville has a fine a telephone plant as any in the entire country, and after the additional new cable work is completed there will be no plant in the entire country equal to Asheville's.

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**Carriage & Wagon Makers -2**
Lee Duckett
Howard & Mills

**Contractors, General - 1**
Geo. W. Pinnner (stone)

**Dairies - 2**
Anandale Dairy
Sulphur Springs Dairy

**Grocers - 6**
A.L. Bright & Son
R.E. Cowan & Co.
James T. Crowell
Joseph P. Morgan
Fin J. Williams
Rufus Wills*

**Hay, Grain, & Feed - 3**
J.D. Miller
J.P. Morgan
Fin J. Williams

**Meat Packers - 1**
Asheville Packing Co.

**Pastors - 1**
Rev. A. E. Brown

**Physicians - 3**
Dr. W. H. Brown
Dr. William C. Brownson
Dr. P.B. Orr

**Schools - 3**
Asheville School
Bingham School
West Asheville School

***12 African-American households listed out of 250**

# Points : of : Interest

(With distance from Asheville in miles.)

Albermarle Park (in city)
Alexander .....10
All Creation View ..... 3
Alta Vista (altitude 2,725 ft)..... 2
Arden Park ..... 10
Asheville Farm School .....10
Asheville School ..... 5
Bald Mountain (of volcanic notoriety .....28
Balsam Mountains .....10
Battery Park (altitude 2,300 ft(in city)
Beaucatcher Mountain ..... 1
Beaumont Mountain (altitude 2,800 ft) .....1½
Beaver Dam ..... 5
Beaver Dam Drive..... 6
Biltmore Dairy ..... 5
Biltmore Estate (entrance) ..... 2
Biltmore Village ..... 2
Bingham Heights .....2½
Bingham School ..... 3
Black Mountains (range)..... 9
Blackwell's White Sulphur Springs, 12
Bonny Crest Inn ..... 8
Buck Shoals (Bill Nye's home)...12
Busby Hall ..... 7
Caesar's Head .....50
Chimney Rock (cave of the winds and the bottomless pools.....20
Craggy Mountain (to foot).....14
Craggy Mountain (to top, altitude 6,000 ft).....18
Elk Mountain (altitude 3,500 ft)... 5
Esmeralda Inn .....22
Fairview .....11
Fernihurst (Connally's View)..... 2
French Broad River (nearest point ..... 1
(With drives of 50 miles)
Gashe's Creek Drive ..... 5
Glenn Inglis ..... 12
Gouches Peak .. ..... 5
Haw Creek (and drives)..... 10
Hendersonville .. .....21
Hickory Nut Falls ..... 25
Hickory Nut Gap .....20
Hot Springs, (on French Broad River) .....30
Intake (The) .....20
Kenilworth Inn ..... 2
Locust Gap..... 5
Lookout Mountain..... 2
Mount Mitchell (to foot) .....18
Mount Mitchell (to top 6,712 feet), highest point east of the Rockies) .....26
Mount Pisgah (altitude 5,757 ft)...18
Mountain Meadows Inn .. ..... 7
Ostrich Farm .....1½
Rat Mountain (altitude over 5,000 ft) .....19
Reems Creek Falls.....10
Richmond Hill (Pearson's View).. 4
Riverside Cemetery .....1½
Riverside Park ..... 2
Rough and Ready Camping Grounds .....10
Round Knob .....25
Saluda Mountain .....40
Sapphire Country .....25
Senator Vance's grave ..... 2
Senator Vance's Monument (in city)
Strawberry Hill (Clark's Farm.... 1
Sulphur Springs .....4½
Sulphur Springs Dairy .. .....4½
Sunset Drive ..... 3
Sunset Mountain (altitude 3,111 ft)3½
Swannanoa Country Club.....1½
Swannanoa River, nearest point.... 2
(With drives of 16 miles)
Switzerland Dairy ..... 5
Takeeostah Farm ..... 3
Town Mountain (to top)..... 1
Toxaway .. .....35
Vanderbilt Estate, with 50 miles of drives (entrance) ..... 2
Vanderbilt's Mansion ..... 5
Victoria Inn .....1½
Waynesville (White Sulphur Springs) .....32
Weaver's Electric Plant..... 5

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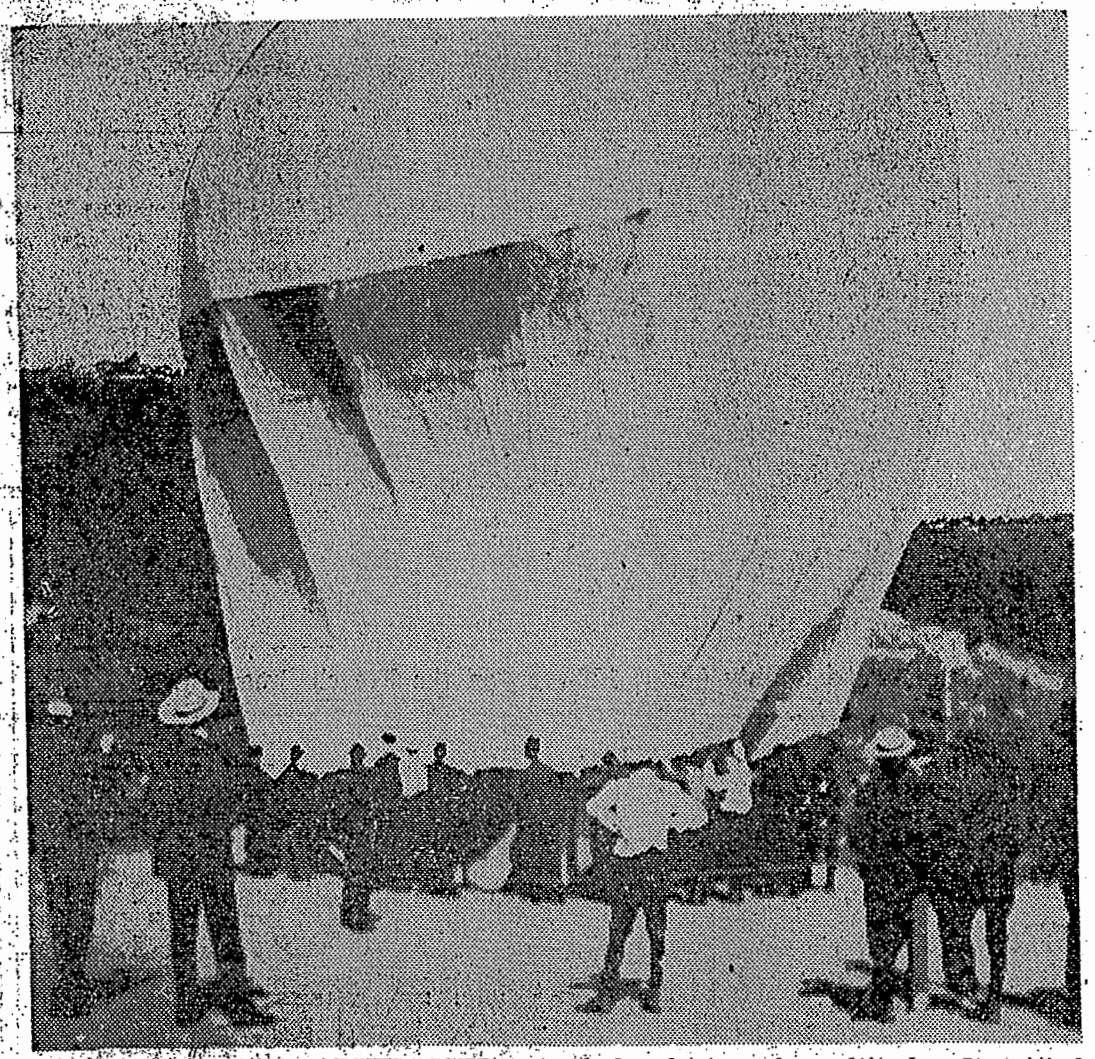
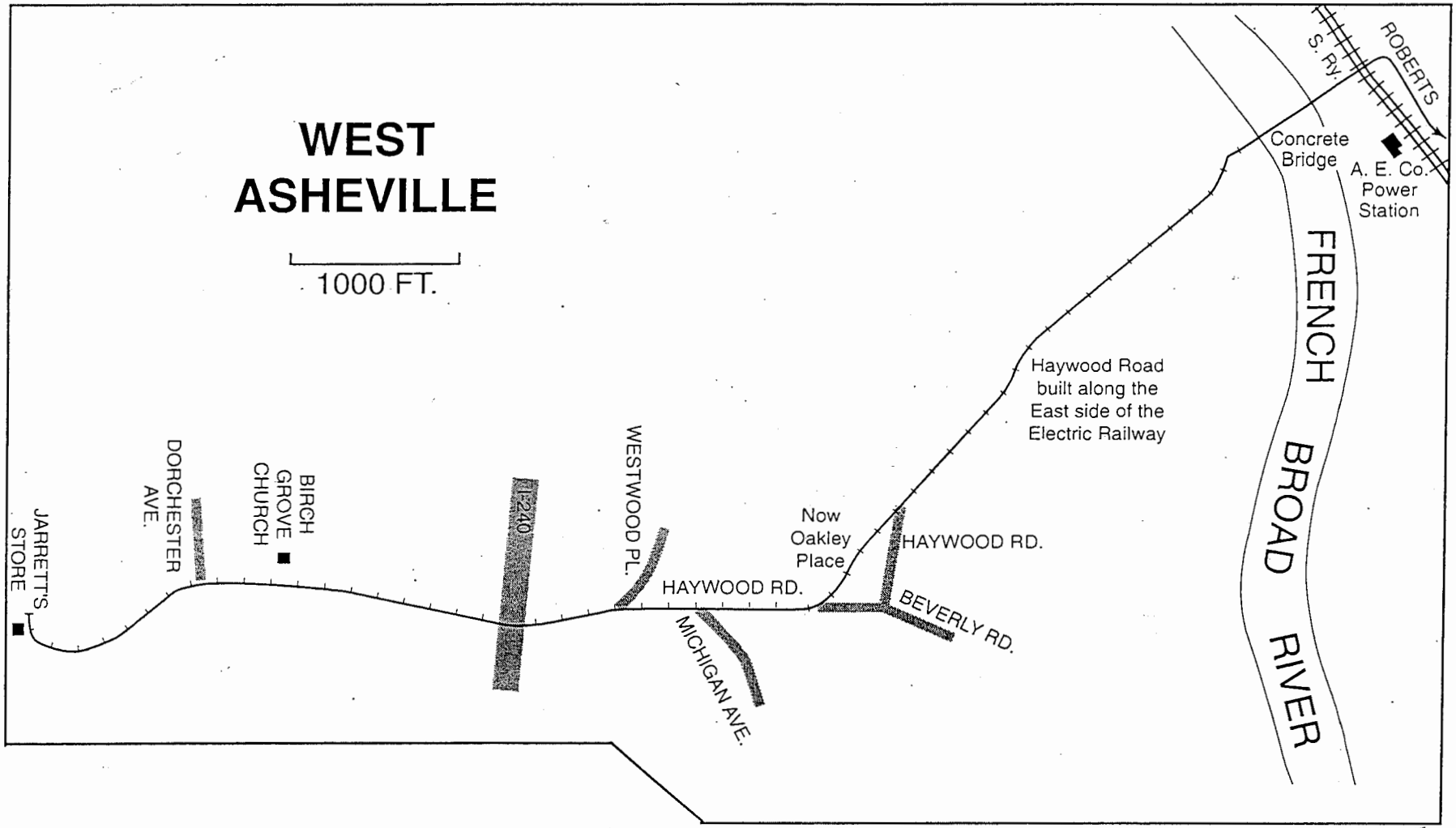


**WHAT WAS ADVERTISED** as Western North Carolina's first balloon ascension took place at Riverside Park, Asheville, in 1906. A large crowd was attracted, but the balloon arose slowly and only to a low altitude. It drifted across the French Broad River, lodged in a tree, and the somewhat crestfallen aeronauts were rescued uninjured.




TROLLEYS IN THE LAND
OF THE SKY

Street Railways
of Asheville, N. C.
and Vicinity

By
David C. Bailey
Joseph M. Canfield
Harold E. Cox

# CADET HELD UP ON PEARSONS BRIDGE

**Cadet Craddock Was Relieved of Thirty Cents by Two Robbers Monday Night.**

Several evenings ago, while returning from the city, Cadet Craddock of the Bingham school was held up on Pearson's bridge.

It is said that Cadet Craddock was returning from the city about 11 o'clock Monday night, and getting off the car at Riverside park, he started on his way to the school. While crossing Pearson's bridge two big men confronted him with a revolver and demanded that he hand over the coin. This he did without any hesitation, and when they felt of the 30 cents which he had given them the men believed that he was only fooling. To convince themselves they ransacked his pockets, but no more coin could be found, so they disappeared in the darkness.

**Asheville Citizen January 5, 1906**

# WEST ASHEVILLE'S LIGHT PLANT MOVE

The people of West Asheville are much interested in the provement to provide electric lights for this suburb and are heartily encouraging the men who are to build an electric light plant there.

Articles of incorporation of the company are now prepared and negotiations are on for the purchase of the necessary machinery. The present plan is to exchange the present engine of the water company for a larger engine and use the latter for both waterworks and electric light plant.

**Asheville Citizen January 6, 1906**

# NINE BINGHAM OFFICERS EXPELLED

## HE CAME BACK BUT WERE NOT REINSTATED.

### Charged With Combining Against Discipline—Major and Two Captains were Among Them.

As a result of some trouble before the holidays, nine of the older Bingham boys will not be in attendance for the new term. They include all the higher officers and are Maj. M. A. Drane, Capt. A. R. Fortune, Capt. C. P. Ryman, Lieut. J. B. Shinn, Lieut. R. H. Halsteln and Private Raymond Brunch. One of the boys expelled makes the following statement:

"The trouble started about Thanksgiving time. The colonel made some rules which the boys did not like concerning the new clubhouse. We circulated an agreement, which all but three of the boys signed, not to go into the club any more until the rules to which we objected were withdrawn. All the eatables and supplies laid in spoiled. About three weeks before Christmas we decided to let the matter drop and enter the club again.

"We senior officers went to the colonel and asked him what to do and he agreed to let the matter drop. Seven of the boys received notice while they were away not to come back. Drane did not get his notice, but was telegraphed by his brother, while on his way here at Dallas, Tex., that the notice had arrived. He came on anyway, as he had bought his ticket, but the colonel refused to reinstate him. Ryman knew nothing of the expulsion until he was told by the colonel, here. Shinn also came back to ask reinstatement but were refused.

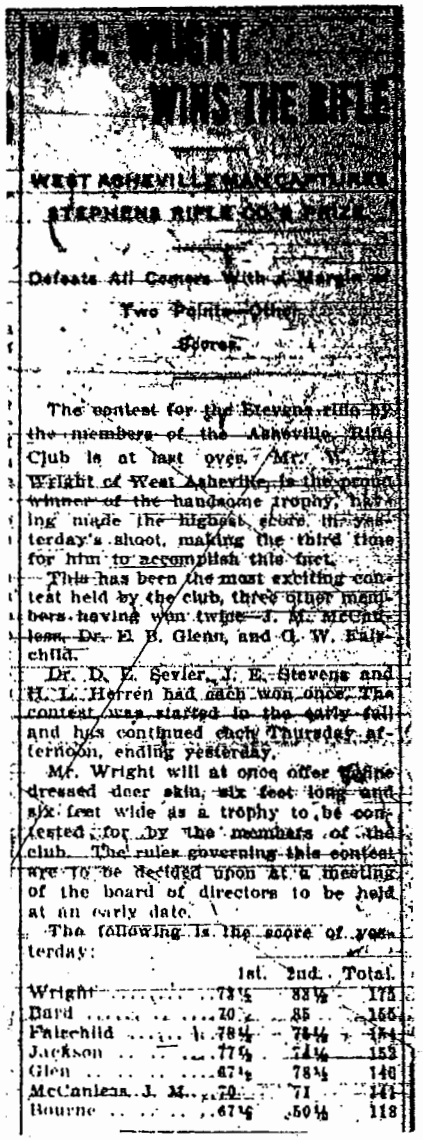
The boys who said they came here without notice were very indignant.

Col. Bingham stated over the 'phone that there had been some trouble, but refused to make a statement until told of that made by the boys.

He denied emphatically that he had ever made any agreement to allow the matter to drop. He said that he had decided to allow them to remain during the rest of the term as it was so nearly over. He said that the boys had attempted to be reinstated but that he had absolutely declined to make conditions; that the older boys and cadet officers had combined against discipline; and that they had forfeited his confidence.

Maj. Drane left at midnight for his Texas home. Capt. Ryman will leave at 4:20 this afternoon.

**Asheville Citizen January 10, 1906**



# [redacted] WINS THE RIFLE

## [redacted] STEPHENS RIFLE CO'S PRIZE

### Defeats All Comers With a Margin of Two Points—Other Scores.

The contest for the Stevens rifle by the members of the Asheville Rifle Club is at last over. Mr. W. H. Wright of West Asheville is the proud winner of the handsome trophy, having made the highest score the yesterday's shoot, making the third time for him to accomplish this feat.

This has been the most exciting contest held by the club, three other members having won twice—J. M. McCanless, Dr. E. B. Glenn, and C. W. Fairchild.

Dr. D. E. Sevier, J. E. Stevens and H. L. Herren had each won once. The contest was started in the early fall and has continued each Thursday afternoon, ending yesterday.

Mr. Wright will at once offer a fine dressed deer skin, six feet long and six feet wide as a trophy to be contested for by the members of the club. The rules governing this contest are to be decided upon at a meeting of the board of directors to be held at an early date.

The following is the score of yesterday:

| | 1st. | 2nd. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wright | 78½ | 83½ | 175 |
| Bard | 70 | 85 | 155 |
| Fairchild | 78½ | 76½ | 154 |
| Jackson | 77½ | 74½ | 152 |
| Glen | 67½ | 78½ | 146 |
| McCanless, J. M. | 70 | 71 | 141 |
| Bourne | 67½ | 50½ | 118 |

**Asheville Citizen January 19, 1906**

# ASHEVILLE VISITED BY SUNDAY STORM

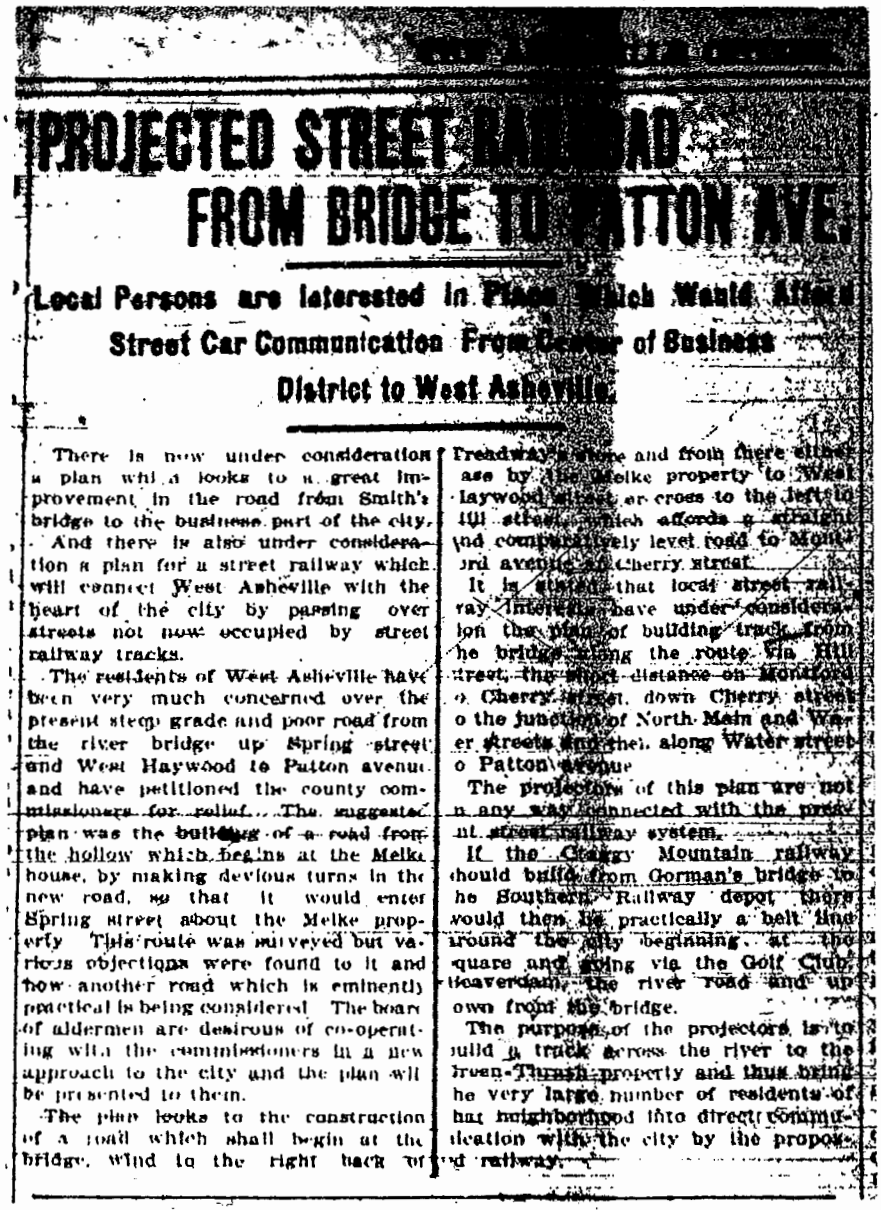
Heavy rain poured down Sunday night and kept up a continuous downpour all of yesterday, with a few minute intervals for recess of which the bedraggled pedestrians took advantage to scurry from one place to another.

The estimate of the weather bureau was that two and twenty-five hundredths of an inch of rain had fallen in the twenty-four hours up to 8 o'clock last night—an abnormal record especially in January.

The rain was general up country and showed its effects in the volume of reddish water that swirled in a torrent down the French Broad and Swannanoa, carrying on its boiling surface dead trees and broken limbs. Many persons braved the rain to watch the water rise at the bridges and see the U. S. Weather Bureau gauge at Smith's bridge rise upward. The guage at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon showed a heighth of five feet. At 7 o'clock Sunday morning it had stood at five-tenths of an inch above the zero mark. The rivers broke no records for flood water, however, as it did in March, 1901, when the Swannanoa inundated the old city water works and Asheville was practically without water for three days.

At the Weaver dam it was said the rise was not notable and the water gates were accommodating the surplus.

**Asheville Citizen January 23, 1906**



# PROJECTED STREET RAILROAD FROM BRIDGE TO PATTON AVE.

## Local Persons are Interested in Plans Which Would Afford Street Car Communication From Center of Business District to West Asheville.

There is now under consideration a plan which looks to a great improvement in the road from Smith's bridge to the business part of the city.

And there is also under consideration a plan for a street railway which will connect West Asheville with the heart of the city by passing over streets not now occupied by street railway tracks.

The residents of West Asheville have been very much concerned over the present steep grade and poor road from the river bridge up Spring street and West Haywood to Patton avenue and have petitioned the county commissioners for relief. The suggested plan was the building of a road from the hollow which begins at the Melke house, by making devious turns in the new road, so that it would enter Spring street about the Melke property. This route was surveyed but various objections were found to it and now another road which is eminently practical is being considered. The board of aldermen are desirous of co-operating with the commissioners in a new approach to the city and the plan will be presented to them.

The plan looks to the construction of a road which shall begin at the bridge, wind to the right back of Treadway's store and from there climb ase by the Melke property to West laywood street, or cross to the left to ill street, which affords a straight nd comparatively level road to Montord avenue at Cherry street.

It is stated that local street railay interests have under consideraion the plan of building track from he bridge along the route via Hill treet, the short distance on Montford o Cherry street, down Cherry street o the junction of North Main and Wae streets and then along Water street o Patton avenue.

The projectors of this plan are not n any way connected with the present street railway system.

If the Craggy Mountain railway should build from Gorman's bridge to he Southern Railway depot there would then be practically a belt line around the city beginning at the square and going via the Golf Club, Beaverdam, the river road and up own from the bridge.

The purpose of the projectors is to uild a track across the river to the reen-Thrash property and thus bring he very large number of residents of hat neighborhood into direct communication with the city by the proposed railway.

**Asheville Citizen January 31, 1906**

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# Large Land Transaction

## Will Help West Asheville

A deal in real estate whose development will be of the greatest importance to West Asheville was completed yesterday through the real estate agency of Hall & Pelland.

Leigh R. Page of Richmond, Va., sold to Brown & Logan for fourteen thousand dollars two hundred acres of land in West Asheville and the purchasers will at once carry out plans looking to the subdivision of the tract and the building of many houses in this rapidly growing suburb of Asheville.

The property is high and rolling, with fine views in all directions and three county macadam roads pass through it and the mains of the West Asheville Water company need only to be extended through the land. It is the intention of the owners to subdivide the tract into smaller tracts and lots adapted either to residences or fruit or truck farms on a small scale, and houses will be built to suit purchasers.

The opening of this property is expected to add much to the neighborhood, as heretofore it has lain unused.

**Asheville Citizen March 11, 1906**

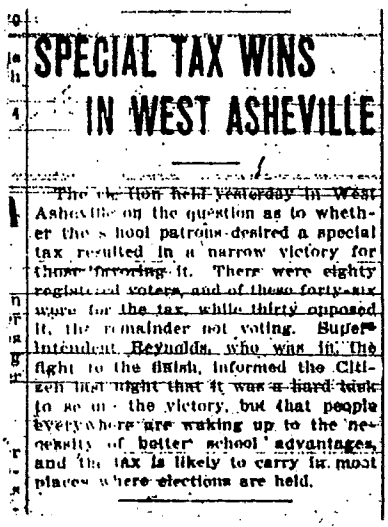
# Plan Motor Car Line From Asheville Across River

West Asheville people now have under consideration a plan of establishing an automobile line between Asheville and West Asheville.

The plan considered includes the purchase of a big motor car capable of carrying 15 persons and running it to West Asheville a number of times a day, making the circuit via Biltmore once a day.

Steps will be taken to secure subscriptions to the enterprise, which will be a great benefit to West Asheville people. It is believed that the fare can be made five cents each way. The cost of an auto such as is desired would be $5,000.

**Asheville Citizen March 15, 1906**



# SPECIAL TAX WINS IN WEST ASHEVILLE

The election held yesterday in West Asheville on the question as to whether the school patrons desired a special tax resulted in a narrow victory for those favoring it. There were eighty registered voters, and of these forty-six were for the tax, while thirty opposed it, the remainder not voting. Superintendent Reynolds, who was in the fight to the finish, informed the Citizen last night that it was a hard task to secure the victory, but that people everywhere are waking up to the necessity of better school advantages, and the tax is likely to carry in most places where elections are held.

**Asheville Citizen March 17, 1906**

# Large Fruit Tree Nursery Will Be Established Here

It was stated yesterday at the real estate office of Hall & Penland that arrangements have been made for the establishment of a big nursery in West Asheville.

The nursery will include the best varieties of fruit trees, apple, peach, plum, pear, cherry, etcs and will cover over one hundred acres. It is intended to supply the growing demands of this section for nursery stock which is now generally brought from other states and will afford employment to a number of men.

The owners of the nursery will be Clay Green and T. H. Tiwain and the site will be the bottom lands and hillside of their property in West Asheville. The late Major Herron, an expert fruit grower, said that part of the land was the best possible for a nursery because of Southern exposure and the fact that the warmth from the river would protect the trees.

An expert will be brought here to have charge of the nursery.

**Asheville Citizen March 29, 1906**

# WEST ASHEVILLE [illegible] STREET RAILWAY [illegible]

## Surveyors are Now at Work and Fine Location Obtained on Lyman Hill, Proposed to Build Trestle From End Of Lyman Street.

It may be stated with a considerable degree of certainty that West Asheville will be connected with Asheville at an early date by a street railway which will cross the French Broad over a trestle to be built at the end of Lyman street near the electric light plant to a point on the West bank on the Lyman lands, and extend to Sulpher Springs which will thus be brought within three miles of Asheville's limits.

Surveyors are now at work on the survey and are greatly gratified to find that the point where the trestle is to be built has a firm bottom; that the Western end terminates at a jutting cliff of rock and that the grade up the heights will not exceed three per cent for a comparatively direct road. There is a hollow up the heights which affords a natural roadway.

The road is projected by Green and Thrash, owners of the finely situated tract of land in West Asheville which is served by both Smith's and Carrier's bridges and which is rapidly building up with houses. Other residents and property holders of the prosperous suburb are also interested and in a few days a charter will be secured for the railway company. The promoters have no wish to build the road save to provide means of transportation and it is possible that other persons who see the value of such a road may be allowed to build and operate it.

The survey indicates that the cost of building the road will be small and as the [illegible] power may be purchased from the Weaver company the cost of [illegible] will be small. The property owners in West Asheville are determined to have a street railway because this would at once more than double the value of their holdings and make of it a large town in a short time. The natural situation is possibly better than that of Asheville. The town has macadam roads and city water, churches and lodge halls and the fervent support of a high class of people.

It is proposed, although this is not a necessary part of the plans, that a viaduct be built to cross the railway tracks.

In the same connection it may be stated with a considerable degree of positiveness that the A. and C. railway company has reached a satisfactory agreement with Captain W. W. Weaver which will end the condemnation suit started by the company to obtain an unincumbered right of way for the railway now built on the Weaver lands. Captain Weaver has agreed to give the right of way provided he should be allowed to build a fourteen foot high dam across Beaverdam. Presumably the railroad has made a satisfactory agreement which gives them the title they wish.

**Asheville Citizen April 25, 1906**

# BINGHAM CADET DROWNED WHILE BATHING IN POND NEAR MURPHY JUNCTION

## J. A. P. Sistare of Lancaster, South Carolina, Sinks Seized by Cramp.

## MUD IN LUNGS WAS CAUSE OF HIS DEATH

### Doctors Were Unable to Accomplish Anything--Found Buried in Mud.

John A. P. Sistare, an eighteen-year-old Bingham student of near Lancaster, S. C., was drowned yesterday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, while bathing in Wolfe's Pond, near Murphy Junction. The pond was immediately drained and medical aid was at once summoned, but owing to the mud which entered his lungs, the efforts of three physicians failed to revive him.

Four Bingham students, Alexander Taylor, Harry Wile, Sherman Perdue, Hilliard Robinson and Cadet Sistare, went swimming between 1 and 2 o'clock. Taylor and Sistare attempted to swim across the pond but, being inexperienced swimmers, became exhausted when half way across. Taylor called to the other to swim to a fence which crossed the pond at about the middle. Taylor gained the fence and turning, could not see Sistare, he having gone down without uttering a sound. The latter soon rose, but only to sink again. Taylor was completely exhausted and was unable to render assistance. He called to the other boys, but they were all much younger and could do nothing.

The three remaining boys and Dr. Lloyd twenty minutes after the cadet had sunk the pond had been drained. The boys then hunted for the body. It took a considerable time before it was found, by Clarence Hunt, half buried face down in the mud. One of the boys actually stepped on him and yelled out, thinking he had stepped on a turtle. The boys carried the body to the bank and worked hard to restore life.

In the meantime Dr. Milender, Dr. McBrayer and Dr. Herbert Reynolds had been summoned, and for more than half an hour the doctors worked, using every possible means in a vain attempt to resuscitate the lad. One of the physicians stated that his life would probably have been saved had it not been for the mud which clogged his lungs and could not be removed. He is believed to have been seized with cramp, and possibly to have fainted, this accounting for his failure to cry out.

The body was brought to the house of Mrs. Grinnan, on Bingham Heights, and the parents of the boy notified by telegram. There was possibly some delay in their receipt of the message, owing to the fact that Mr. J. A. P. Sistare, Sr., is a farmer residing about two miles from Lancaster.

Sistare was in his second year of attendance at Bingham, and would have graduated in two more years. He was a kind, courteous young man, much esteemed by all who knew him. Bingham was a very sad and quiet place when the boys learned of the death of "Pafie", as he was familiarly known.

The pond in which the accident occurred is scarcely so large as that of Riverside Park, but the boys were [illegible] good swimmers. Where he went down the pond was nearly fifteen feet deep. Taylor, who was swimming with him, went after a boat, but it availed nothing, as his comrade could not find the body by diving.

A farewell dance was given yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Manor to the Bingham boys, who leave on their summer vacation, in a few weeks and [illegible] of the boys heard of the affair till considerably later, although he was drowned during the time of their festivity.

A telegram received last night from Lancaster announced the fact that the body had been found and that the funeral would occur there this [illegible]

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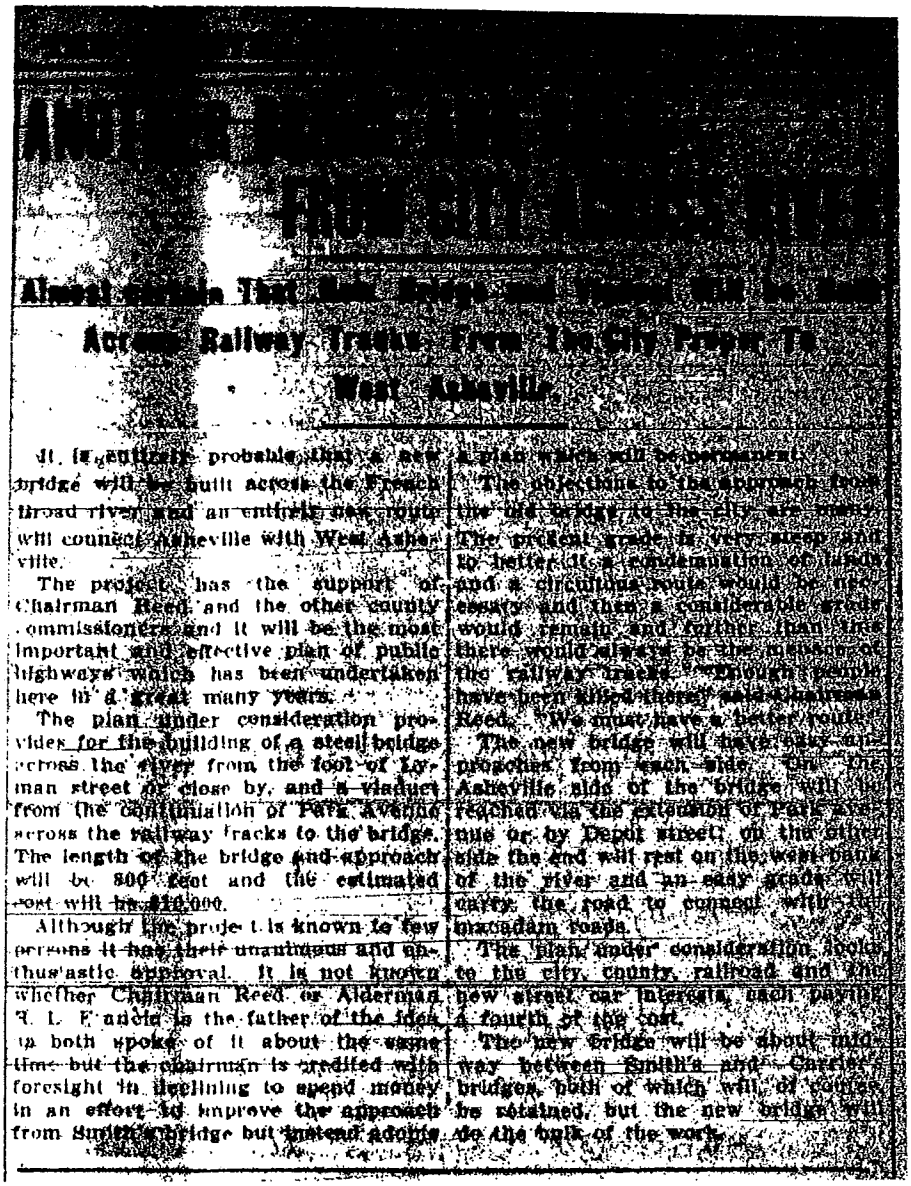

# [illegible] From City Across River

## [illegible] Across Railway Tracks From the City Proper To West Asheville

It is entirely probable that a new bridge will be built across the French Broad river and an entirely new route will connect Asheville with West Asheville.

The project has the support of Chairman Reed and the other county commissioners and it will be the most important and effective plan of public highways which has been undertaken here in a great many years.

The plan under consideration provides for the building of a steel bridge across the river from the foot of Lyman street or close by, and a viaduct from the continuation of Park Avenue across the railway tracks to the bridge. The length of the bridge and approach will be 800 feet and the estimated cost will be $40,000.

Although the project is known to few persons it has their unanimous and enthusiastic approval. It is not known whether Chairman Reed or Alderman T. L. Francis is the father of the idea as both spoke of it about the same time but the chairman is credited with foresight in declining to spend money in an effort to improve the approach from Smith's bridge but intend adopting a plan which will be permanent.

The objections to the approach from the old bridge to the city are many. The present grade is very steep and to better it a condemnation of lands and a circuitous route would be necessary and then a considerable grade would remain and further than that there would always be the menace of the railway tracks. "Enough people have been killed there," said Chairman Reed. "We must have a better route."

The new bridge will have easy approaches from each side. On the Asheville side of the bridge will be reached via the extension of Park Avenue or by Depot street, on the other side the end will rest on the west bank of the river and an easy grade will carry the road to connect with the macadam roads.

The plan under consideration looks to the city, county, railroad and the new street car interests, each paying a fourth of the cost.

The new bridge will be about midway between Smith's and Carrier's bridges, both of which will, of course, be retained, but the new bridge will do the bulk of the work.

**Asheville Citizen June 1, 1906**

# WATER COMPANY IN WEST ASHEVILLE

## Buckeye Water Co. Chartered, L. P. and R. P. Hayes and J. S. Martin, Incorporators.

## SUB TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE WAS CHOSEN YESTERDAY

### Names Not Given—Pou Renominated—Rev. J. M. Jenkins Very Ill—News of State Capital.

Gazette-News Bureau,
122 South Dawson St.

Raleigh, July 3.

At a meeting of the state board of education held yesterday morning in the office of the governor, action was taken in regard to the appointment of the sub-textbook commission. There was a full attendance of the board, which consists of Governor Glenn, Lieutenant Governor Winston, Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, State Treasurer B. R. Lacey, R. D. Gilmer, attorney general, State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. R. Joyner. The board decided that seven members should constitute the sub-textbook committee, and while these members were chosen their names will not be announced, possibly for several days, as July 10 is the expiry date for such. Nothing concerning such personnel was given out at all. The board passed this resolution: Resolved, That all publishers offering for adoption by the sub-textbook commission shall file with the secretary of the commission a list of all the names of all agents, attorneys, and others representing in any way their books and interests in North Carolina. Discussion by agents is also forbidden with members of the commission except as allowed in conference. This was decided at a recent informal meeting of the board.

The only other business transacted by the board was to pass on loans from the school loan fund in amounts running from $3,000 down to $100.

Governor Glenn will leave tomorrow for Gastonia to deliver the Fourth of July address before the people of Gastonia.

Hon. E. W. Pou was yesterday nominated for congress from the Ninth district. The meeting was a short one. It was opened by Hon. J. E. Young, T. M. Pittman of Vance presided. A. C. Zollicoffer of Vance placed R. O. Pou in nomination and was seconded by Sheriff Ellington of Johnston county, and F. H. Arendell of Wake.

Charters were granted to the Rye-Ola Bottling Co., Charlotte, with J. M. Ross, T. M. Miller and F. A. McKnight, as incorporators. The authorized capital stock is named at $10,000, of which $1,500 is paid in by local stockholders. The Buckeye Water company, West Asheville, has $25,000 capital stock with $3,000 paid in by L. P. and R. P. Hayes and Julius C. Martin, all of Asheville. The company will furnish water, lighting and power. The Durham-Parish company, to do a general mercantile business. The incorporators are O. A. Durham, S. M. Gattis, and H. L. Parrish, Hillsboro.

Asheville Gazette-News July 3, 1906

# COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS SELECTED BY THE BOARD

## Many Have Already Signed Contracts for Fall Term—Snow Hill School Abolished.

The county board of education has about completed the selection of the teaching corps for the fall term of the public schools and many of the teachers have already signed the contracts. The school board has also abolished school district No. 12 in Leicester township, known as Snow Hill. Teachers for Gash's Creek, Haw Creek and Biltmore have not been selected while two remain to be selected for West Asheville. Those already selected are as follows:

West Asheville—Principal, J. C. M. Valentine; primary teacher, Miss Eleanor Hildebrand.

Emma—J. E. Mallonee of Clyde; assistant, Miss Minnie Lyda.

Johnson's School—B. L. Edwards.

West Chapel—Miss Pearl Penland.

Chunn's Cove—Miss Minnie Brank.

Woolsey—Miss Birdie Walser.

Grace—Miss Eva G. McClurken.

Hayes—Miss Fannie Kimberly.

Burnsville Hill—Steven Morgan.

West Asheville (colored)—J. S. Chambers.

South Asheville (colored)—Sophia Wells.

Asheville Gazette-News July 12, 1906

# BUCKEYE WATER COMPANY PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED

The Buckeye Water company of West Asheville, which was granted a charter by the state several weeks ago, effected a permanent organization here Saturday with the election of officers and a board of directors. R. P. Hayes was chosen president and treasurer and L. P. Hayes secretary. The board of directors is composed of R. P. Hayes, J. C. Martin and L. P. Hayes.

The Buckeye Water company is authorized to carry on a municipal water business, furnish and distribute electricity for light and power and also to conduct a telephone business. The company now maintains a waterworks system in West Asheville, and supplies to the people of that section water from springs on Mr. Hayes' property.

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# SULPHUR SPRINGS PROPERTY IS SOLD

## Asheville Electric Company Agrees to Dispose of Property to O. B. Schoenfeld.

## 386 ACRES IN THE TRACT AND PRICE FIXEE $30,500.

### Purchase by New Orleans Athlete May Mean Establishment of a Training School Here.

A handsome realty deal was concluded here today when local representatives of the Asheville Electric company agreed to sell to Prof. Otto B. Schoenfeld of New Orleans, 388 acres of land in the Sulphur Springs section of Buncombe county, five miles from this city, for a consideration of 30,500. The deal has been in process of consummation for the past several days and was handled through the real estate agency of J. M. Campbell. Prof. Schoenfeld this morning made a flat offer of $30,500 and the local representatives agreed to accept this and recommend to other officials of the Asheville Electric company that the Sulphur Springs holdings of the company be transferred to the New Orleans gentleman. It is understood that the recommendation of the local representatives will be adopted and the papers transferring the property signed and recorded within a few days.

The sale of the Sulphur Springs property, where several years ago was located the Sulphur Springs hotel that was burned will mean much for the West Asheville section. The boundary adjoins the Asheville School property and is one of the most delightful places in all this section. It contains springs of sulphur water and many admirable building sites. It is understood that Prof. Schoenfeld, who is director and owner of a large athletic club in New Orleans where annually thousands of boys and young men are given physical training, will utilize the property for physical training work and that a physical culture school will be established there. Many improvements will be made. Prof. Schoenfeld first came to Asheville more than a year ago. He came to referee the first wrestling match held in Asheville, the contest between Ike Tom Priebe of Madison county and Prof. Ono, the Jap. Prof. Schoenfeld was most favorably impressed with this city and section and declared then that he might purchase property in or near Asheville. The New Orleans athlete has been in the city for the past few weeks and is more pleased with the section than ever before.

Asheville Gazette-News August 24, 1906

# PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED BY PROF. SCHOENFELD

## Will Closed up His Affairs in New Orleans, Coming Here in the Autumn.

Prof. Otto Schoenfeld of New Orleans, who recently purchased the 215 acre tract of land in West Asheville on which is located the sulphur springs of Buncombe county and for which he paid $30,500, returned to New Orleans Wednesday night, where he will close up his business affairs and make ready to come to Asheville permanently to locate.

Prof. Schoenfeld told a Gazette-News man before leaving that he would shortly begin to beautify the ground of his new purchase and that he expected to remove to this section early in the fall. He will erect buildings at the springs and establish a physical training school where it is expected hundreds of young men from New Orleans will come to spend the summer for recreation and physical training. It is expected that Prof. Schoenfeld will have charge of the physical training work at the Asheville School, situated near the property just purchased by the New Orleans gentleman.

Prof. Schoenfeld trains men physically from a scientific standpoint and has been very successful in his work. He has been director of the Young Men's Gymnastic club of New Orleans for the past seven years and also coach at the Tulane college, an institution [illegible] New Orleans. The Young [illegible]

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## PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED BY PROF. SCHOENFELD

### Will Close Up His Affairs in New Orleans; Coming Here in the Autumn

Prof. Otto Schoenfeld of New Orleans, who recently purchased the 288 acre tract of land in West Asheville on which is located the sulphur springs of Buncombe County, and for which he paid $30,500, returned to New Orleans Wednesday night, where he will close up his business affairs and make ready to come to Asheville permanently.

Prof. Schoenfeld told a *Gazette-News* man before leaving that he would shortly begin to beautify the ground of his new purchase and that he expected to remove to this section early in the fall. He will erect buildings at the sulphur springs and establish a physical training school, where it is expected hundreds of young men from New Orleans will come to spend the summer for recreation and physical training. It is expected that Prof. Schoenfeld will have charge of the physical training work at the Asheville School, situated near the property just purchased by the New Orleans gentleman.

Prof. Schoenfeld trains men physically from a scientific standpoint and has been very successful in his work. He has been director of the Young men's Gymnastic Club of new Or-leans for the past seven years and also coach at the Jefferson College, an institution 50 miles from New Orleans. The Young Men's Gymnastic Club has a member-ship of more than 1,500 and represents considerable wealth. Prof. Schoenfeld is a fine athlete and teaches all the games including fencing, boxing, wrestling, and field sports. He said that he would, upon his return here, improve the sulphur springs on his property and that the water would be free to all who cared to use it.

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# CONCRETE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER

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Contract for Solid Double Track Structure Let to Yandle Brothers

A modern railway bridge is to be built by the Southern railway to replace the present trestle across the French Broad at Asheville.

The new structure will be built of steel and concrete, will be double track in capacity and will cost more than 100,000.

The contract has been let the Yandle Brothers, the sub-contractors for W. J. Oliver who are engaged in constructing the double track roadway from Asheville down the river and whose almost constant cannonading from blasts is a constant advertising to the city of what they are doing.

The present trestle is built on a curve but the new work will be in a straight line.

The material will be reinforced concrete. This means steel rods surrounded by concrete, which preserves the metal from rusting and adds strength also.

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SOUTHERN SURVEYS NEW LINE
FROM ASHEVILLE TO CANDLER

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# Southern Surveys New Line from Asheville to Candler

It is learned on good authority that the Southern Railway company has completed a survey intended to afford connection between Asheville and Candler, a track additional to the present line and that the company has under serious consideration the building of the road.

Many months ago The Citizen stated that the Southern contemplated the possibility of building a loop through the Green and Thrash lands in West Asheville, from the railway tracks near Carrier's bridge to the Murphy line near Sulpher Springs, the object being to secure track for switching and storage purposes and also to provide factory sites in West Asheville. Several weeks ago The Citizen stated that Southern engineers were surveying from Carrier's bridge toward Inanda and there was speculation as to the purpose of these surveys.

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The building of this line would be decidedly advantageous to the city, because it would afford factory sites close to the city and it is hinted also that there is consideration of the plan of equipping the line with trolleys so that a street car service could be operated on the rails. As the freight traffic from Canton would be handled by a regular schedule, the arrangement would be entirely feasible.

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# SOUTHERN WILL BUILD FIRST CONCRETE BRIDGE IN SECTION

## Guilford County Only Has Railroad Bridge to That on Which Work Will Begin Immediately.—Two Very Dangerous Curves Will be Eliminated.

The first steel concrete railway bridge ever constructed in western North Carolina will be built across the French Broad river within the present year. This part of the work of double-tracking has been sublet by Contractor W. J. Oliver to the J. A. Coulter company of New York state. Mr. Coulter has taken personal charge of the work and Friday night asked the permission of the board of aldermen to lay a pipe from the city's water main and use the water at a cost not to exceed ten cents per thousand gallons, he to lay and take up the pipe at his own expense.

Work will be rushed upon this structure as on all the improvements, but this cannot be completed in less than nine months, the time which is estimated if the bedrock, suitable for a foundation, is as near the surface as is expected. The cost of the structure is estimated at $95,000. It will be erected in spans of forty feet each, of double-track width and be slightly longer than the present trestle bordering on this end of the trestle and west. A straight to a point a few feet up the river from the station and [illegible] the [illegible] strength and the double track supported by the new bridge. The great gain will be in the elimination of two very dangerous curves at which many accidents, such as the derailment of freight cars, have been of frequent occurrence.

The double-trackers have already straightened the line materially by cutting down the hillside which slopes down the track and, around which the single track curves, the latter curve almost eliminated in the doubel track.

But worse and more dangerous than this is the present sharp curve on the wooden trestle. Cars, if derailed at this point, must fall twenty to thirty feet to the ground or river below. To offset this curve the trestle is sharply inclined at this point. The new bridge will eliminate both curves and the inclination, adding immeasurably to the safety. Trains may then pass each other on the trestle, on as level a grade as at any other point and with as much safety. Besides this passenger trains will not have to cross the bridge at such low speed and there is no reason that freight trains will gain [illegible] daily [illegible]

**Asheville Citizen January 27, 1907**

# SCHOENFELD GETS DEED TO PROPERTY

## Plans for $125,000 Hotel are Ready and Development Will Be Pushed Soon.

A deed filed in the Register of Deeds office yesterday definitely consummated the purchase by O. B. Schoenfeld of New Orleans from the Asheville Electric Company of the "Sulphur Springs Property" and makes it certain that the plans of Mr. Schoenfeld for its extensive development will be carried. The final papers were passed yesterday in the office of the Hon. William J Cocke, who is Mr. Schoenfeld's attorney.

The news will be received with great interest and pleasure by the people in the section West of Asheville because they know that it means that a great impetus will be given to the community of West Asheville and vicinity and will probably lead to the establishment of a street car line

Mr. Schoenfeld is the director of the Young Men's Athletic Club of New Orleans, the largest in the South, and he was so much impressed when he saw the 338 acres at the Sulphur Springs that he at once concluded to buy it, and his standing in New Orleans is such that he soon induced capitalists to interest themselves with him for the purpose of building a hotel and cottages, the general plan being to make a most attractive resort, features of which will be physical training under Mr Schoenfeld's direction. Plans have been drawn by Architect R. S Smith of this city for a handsome hotel whose probable cost will be $125,000 and which will be erected on the site of the hotel burned many years ago.

The price paid for the property was $40,000. The deal was made by J. M Campbell.

**Asheville Citizen February 2, 1907**

# SCHOENFELD BUYS RACE TRACK AND WILL ESTABLISH RACING

## Fifty Acres Sold by Green and Thrash to New Orleans Man Who Is To Build Hotel on the Sulphur Springs Property

D. H. Schoenfeld, assistant [illegible] of the Young Men's Athletic club of New Orleans, has purchased from Green and Thrash their carriage race track in West Asheville.

This means that Asheville will have a race track and races calculated to bring many people here will result.

The purchase embraces 50 acres of land, the price paid for it was $7,500, the deal being made by J. M. Campbell's real estate agency. It is close to the Sulphur Springs property recently bought by Mr. Schoenfeld and lies as level as a floor close to the French Broad river and protected on the North by high hills. Just across the river is the Biltmore Estate and a good road from Carrier's bridge passes the track which may be reached also by the road over Smith's bridge. The track was once in perfect condition and can easily be made one of the highest class.

Those who learned of the deal yesterday were greatly elated and said that it meant racing for Asheville and an influx of visitors. In a way it will be connected with Mr. Schoenfeld's Sulphur Springs purchase on which he will erect a fine hotel this summer. Mr. Schoenfeld is director of the Young Men's Athletic Club of New Orleans, the leading athletic organization of the South and his connection with sports is such that there is no doubt that he can bring racing here.

When the race track is in operation it will tend greatly to secure a street railway across the river.

**Asheville Citizen February 24, 1907**

# Suspension Foot Bridge Across River is Planned

A novel project being now seriously considered by property owners interested in the building of a suspension bridge across the French Broad river from the end of Lyman street or some other point close to the freight and passenger stations, to the west bank of the river.

It is not planned to have the bridge serve any other purpose than to carry foot passengers over the river and so the structure may be lightly constructed. The suggestion is that iron posts about thirty feet high be erected on each bank of the river and that from these a pair o wire cables be strung across the river to support a footway of boards which will have railings. It is claimed that the total length will be less than five hundred feet and the cost not exceed $750.

Those interested include land owners on the west side of the river who have lots for sale which are not now available for the building of residences by railroad men because the distance to the passenger station by the existing bridges is too long, and also a number of railway men who wish to build on the opposite side of the river. They say that the building sites are excellent and if there were a foot bridge they could quickly go to and from their work.

Estimates are now being made on the cost of this bridge and if this be not larger than expected it is probable that private persons will build the bridge although some aid would be asked of the county.

The only objection raised is that the bridge might sway with the wind but answer is made to this that it would be immaterial if the bridge did sway. "The people who would use it are accustomed to things swaying, like a big engine," said one man.

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# Judge Pritchard Opposes Race Track Establishment

Judge Pritchard, when seen yesterday, was asked what his position was as a member of the Board of Trade in regard to the establishment of a race track in this community. In reply he said:

"I am unalterably opposed to it. We already have enough snares and pitfalls to lead the young people of this community astray without establishing a race course. Thousands of government clerks as well as those employed in business establishments in the city of Washington lose their earnings every year at the Bennings race track, and as a result their families are in want and distress and in many instances these young men wind up their careers by committing suicide or being sent to prison on a charge of embezzling other people's money to make good their losses. It is incumbent on the good people of this community to take steps to drive from our midst many of the evil agencies which are now contributing to the downfall of the young men and women, but if we have not the courage to take a bold stand against the evils with which we are confronted we should at least muster up courage enough to protest against the bringing of another dangerous agency into our midst.

"The agitation against race track gambling in Tennessee has become quite an issue in that State and while the evil there seems to be thoroughly entrenched at the same time, the good people of all parties, creeds and denominations are demanding that the legislature should pass some law to suppress the gambling feature.

"If a race course is established in this section and gambling is permitted an undesirable class of people—black legs, and among others will be bad women and race touts. There are some good people who race and interest in horse racing. I am free to admit, nevertheless, the whole thing is wrong and the evil reputable race-

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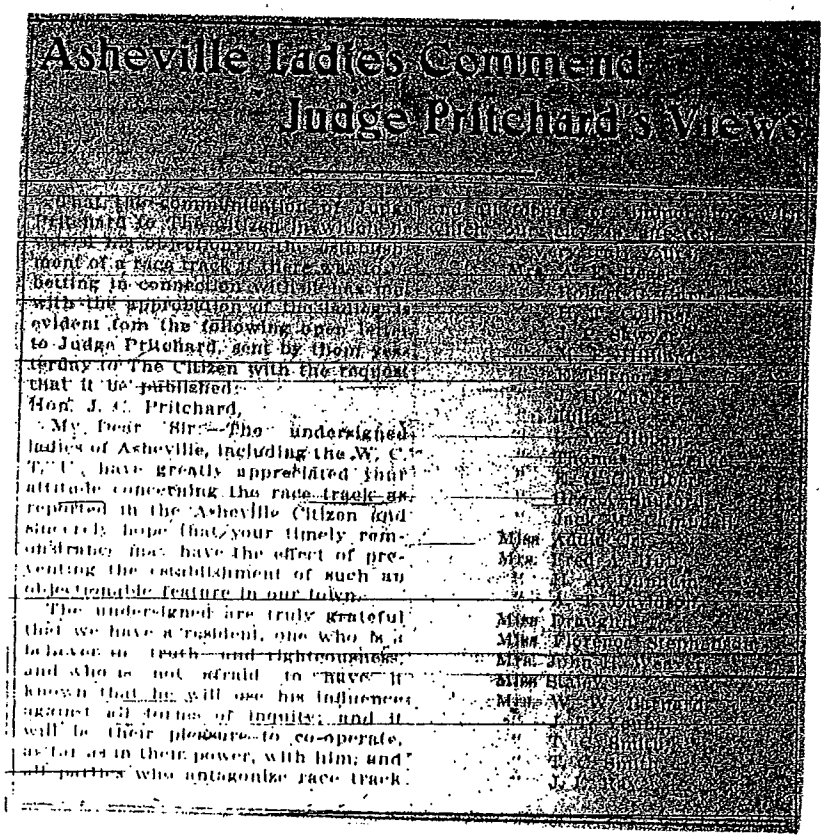

# Asheville Ladies Commend Judge Pritchard's Views

That the commendation of Judge and the efforts of Judge Pritchard to the citizen in his fight [illegible] front of a race track [illegible] betting in connection with it [illegible] with the approbation of the ladies is evident from the following open letter to Judge Pritchard, sent by them [illegible] terday to The Citizen with the request that it be published:

Hon. J. C. Pritchard,

My Dear Sir:—The undersigned ladies of Asheville, including the W. C. T. U., have greatly appreciated your attitude concerning the race track as reported in the Asheville Citizen and sincerely hope that your timely remonstrance may have the effect of preventing the establishment of such an objectionable feature in our town.

The undersigned are truly grateful that we have a resident, one who is a believer in truth and righteousness, and who is not afraid to have it known that he will use his influence against all forms of iniquity; and it will be their pleasure to co-operate, as far as in their power, with him; and all parties who antagonize race track

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**Asheville Ladies Commend Judge Pritchard's Views**

That the communication of Judge Pritchard to The Citizen in which he voiced his objection to the establishment of a racetrack if there was to be betting in connection with it has met with the approbation of the ladies is evident from the following open letter to The Citizen, with the request that it be published:

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Very truly yours,

Mrs. A.E. Pease
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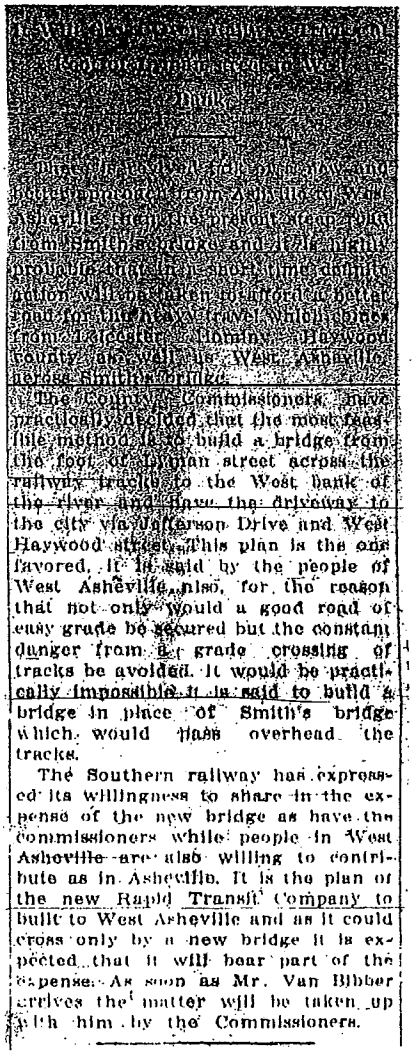
# Definite Steps for New Bridge



The County Commissioners have practically decided that the most feasible method is to build a bridge from the foot of Depot street across the railway tracks to the West bank of the river and have the driveway to the city via Jefferson Drive and West Haywood street. This plan is the one favored. It is said by the people of West Asheville also, for the reason that not only would a good road of easy grade be secured but the constant danger from a grade crossing of tracks be avoided. It would be practically impossible it is said to build a bridge in place of Smith's bridge which would pass overhead the tracks.

The Southern railway has expressed its willingness to share in the expense of the new bridge as have the commissioners while people in West Asheville are also willing to contribute as in Asheville. It is the plan of the new Rapid Transit Company to built to West Asheville and as it could cross only by a new bridge it is expected that it will bear part of the expense. As soon as Mr. Van Bibber arrives the matter will be taken up with him by the Commissioners.

**Asheville Citizen April 3, 1907**

# ANNUAL MEETING OF LINDLEY SCHOOL

A goodly number of representative women of the city attended the annual meeting of the Lindley Training School yesterday afternoon. Excellent addresses were made by Mrs. Charity Craig and Miss Staley. Refreshments were served at the close of the business session.

The annual report which was read showed the school to be steadily growing in merit and public confidence. It is hoped that in the near future the school will not have to depend on charity entirely, and with this end in view Mrs. Lord, of New York, will shortly leave for her home city for the purpose of raising an endowment fund for the Lindley Home.

Much interest was aroused at the meeting yesterday when it was learned that out of 250 girls who have passed through the home in the last twelve years, fifty per cent. have reformed, while 48 of them married good husbands and are doing well. A full report of the Lindley School for the past year will be published in The Citizen in a few days.

**Asheville Citizen May 1, 1907**

# "Binghamitis" a Disease Known Only In Asheville

A new disease has been discovered in Asheville, which is now believed to be peculiar and native to this, the city which holds its climate as a model. The malady is being carefully studied by certain local experimenters and, while not all is known, some marked characteristics have been noted. For lack of a better name the discoverers have called the disease, "Binghamitis."

So far the books of Clerk Halyburton record no deaths from the new malady although it has become as fashionable and popular in certain circles as ever appendicitis was. Those afflicted with Binghamitis are, without exception, of the feminine gender. The most susceptible age is about sixteen, although girls from fourteen to eighteen are within the range of attack. Physicians say the reason that no fatalities have occurred is that the disease is outgrown. So far, however, it ranks as one of the troubles which only age can cure.

The symptoms of this rare affection are many and varied, but all very marked. A remarkable effect is produced on the eye, or rather on the image carried thence to the brain, as the organ itself seems to be quite normal. The sufferer begins to display a strong interest in and liking for gray suits with black or white stripes down the sides. If the coats are marked by gold braid on the left sleeves or on the shoulders, the interest is apt to be still greater.

Quite the contrary is another effect noted by many of the Asheville boys because some of their friends, or erstwhile friends, are afflicted. Although the afflicted ones can see the suits of that certain color of gray, surprisingly well, they seem to have lost correspondingly in another way. Frequently, they are utterly unable to see a black suit, and brown and, checked suits are nearly as hard to bring within their ranges of vision. The unfortunate victims usually fail to recognize a face, unless that face is on a head surmounted by a certain variety of cap, a semi-military style. Of derby hats they are entirely oblivious and a Panama fails to attract their attention.

This disease is somewhat contagious but has been known to appear in isolated cases. Those who are stricken in the latter way frequently feel and manifest the first symptoms at church. Such expressions as "Aren't they too cute for anything!" "Isn't he sweet?" and "Did you see those glorious brown eyes," as a line of gray files from the street car to the church or down the aisle, with some proud youngster giving the orders, the one else in his life when that small and wonderful creature can see him in his glory. His head is particularly high and his shoulder blades almost meet as he does he stand, one day in the week. He expects the girls to admire him and they are up to the expectations.

But to return to the symptoms of the disease. From this period on the manifestations are various. One of two features, however, are always the same. On Mondays the victim may always be observed to be arrayed in their best and most becoming finery, much to the disgust of their young civilian male friends who may have discerned the progress of the disease. Perhaps the unfortunate one stays at home. In that case, a uniform generally containing an article of more or less value, comes to the house. This is a rather unusual phase, however. As a usual thing the afflicted person may be seen walking forth in the afternoon, still arrayed in her finest. The destination of the patient is observed to vary with the stage of the affection (speaking medically). It may be merely for a turn up and down Patton avenue, two or three or more times, on foot if necessary, but in a buggy, or an auto if possible.

Another stage takes her to the skating rink; another to the ball games and another to a semi-occasional german at which civilian dress is barred.

A number of definitions of this new malady, of which Asheville has a monopoly, have been compiled. The medical expert has not yet completed his but few others follow.

The victim's definition may be implied from her description of the cause: "He was simply lovely and wanted to take every dance I had. He gave me a pass to the ball games and said ...."

The mother says "I believe it will do her good to get used to the society of young men. And they're such nice boys, too."

Her father says, "Well, she'll get over it."

The boy she went to school with says—but perhaps it wouldn't be perfectly proper to repeat what he says. If he's a real nice boy he don't say just what he thinks.

**Asheville Citizen May 5, 1907**

# NEW SCHOOL HOUSES ARE TO BE ERECTED

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MET YESTERDAY.

Elected Managers and Librarians for County School Libraries. Other School News.

The county board of education met [illegible] and transacted considerable business of the day, and managers were elected for a number of public school libraries in the county.

[illegible] may be secured by the people of the community, with [illegible] and a library shall [illegible] by the county board of education [illegible] the books are to be kept [illegible] at the school house during the term.

Miss Maud Alexander was elected librarian of the Inanda library and her father, P. J. Alexander, made manager.

Miss Bernice Lacey was made librarian and her father manager of the Elk Mountain Cotton Mills library.

Millard Thrash was elected librarian and R. L. Thrash manager at Liberty, Lower Hominy township.

Miss Hattie Green was chosen librarian and Marion Gleno manager at Avery's Creek.

At Leicester, J. L. McGee was elected manager and his daughter librarian.

New School Houses.

The board decided to erect new school houses at Millard Hill and at Luther Hill, both in Upper Hominy township. An additional one-room building will be erected for the West Asheville school, and a room will be added to the Barnardsville school house.

**Asheville Citizen May 8, 1907**

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

# ASHEVILLE SCHOOL LETS CONTRACT FOR BUILDING

## Will Cost $40,000 and Increase Capacity by Half—School Will be Closed June 12—Big Field and Athletic Contests Will Take Place June 10.

The Asheville School has let to the Farragher Engineering company a contract for a handsome dormitory building which will enable the management to increase the number of students from 100 to about 160. The structure will cost about $40,000. The plans call for a handsome, two-story brick building, forty-five by 160 feet. It will accommodate fifty or sixty students. The school has been forced several times, through lack of room, to refuse desirable students who wished to enter.

The work of excavation is to begin today and the building is to be ready for use in September, when the School reopens.

### Asheville School Wins.

The Asheville School ball team defeated a pickup nine from Asheville yesterday afternoon in a rather uninteresting game, the score being 15 to 14 to 4. Ainslee and Jackson formed the school battery.

The school closes June 12, on which date two private cars will convey the majority of the students north to their respective homes. A considerable number will, however, remain at the school to take the entrance examinations to the university for which they have been preparing. These college examinations will be given at the school. The class final examinations will be held during the week before the close.

### Practicing for Contests.

Just at present, the students are hard at work during their spare moments in practicing for the athletic events which will take place Monday, June 10. These will include the field races.

The school always has had a number of good tennis players and the tournament promises to be well worth seeing this year.

The big lake, made by damming up the creek which runs along the [illegible] furnishes ample opportunity for all sorts of acquatic sports. It is in some places nearly thirty feet deep, while its greatest breadth is nearly one hundred yards. Row boats and canoes can run up about half a mile from the concrete dam, an excellent course for races being made. Every day the lake is alive with boys swimming and boating.

Asheville Citizen May 24, 1907

# Judge Pritchard Tells

[illegible] delivered the principal address at the [illegible] exercises of the Normal and Collegiate Institute last night, which was very interesting. A copy of [illegible] Carolina and her many [illegible] For this reason The Citizen [illegible] in full. Judge Pritchard's address is as follows:

"I have selected as my theme the occasion, The Mind and Intellectual Development of the People of Western North Carolina.

"Called upon, as I am, to deliver an address at the graduating exercises of this institution of learning, which has as its object the preparation of young women for the grave responsibilities which await them in the future, I deem it proper that I should discuss those matters which pertain more particularly to the moral and intellectual development of the people among whom these young women will be called upon to live in the future.

"This section was settled by a sturdy race of people, a majority of whom were of German, Scotch and Irish birth or descent. For nearly a century our ancestors did not possess many of the advantages of civilization, such as railroads, transportation, cities, and first class educational institutions. The boys and girls were required to attend school in the old fashioned log school house, the seating accomodation being benches, made of puncheon slabs, hewn on one side, and in the construction of which only two instruments were used, to-wit: the broad axe and an inch and a quarter auger. Some of these schools were known as "Blabb schools" because for want of books the lessons were recited in concert and others were of the silent order. As a general rule, the teacher was not very far in advance of the pupils, being usually secretly supplied with what was known as a "key to the arithmetic" (a small book which he carried in his breast pocket) and in which he found a solution of any intricate problem that he might be called upon to solve. However, they did not use the word 'solve' in those days in referring to mathematical problems, the more usual term being to 'work the problem,' or more frequently, do the sum, regardless of whether or not it involved multiplication, division or subtraction.

"Teachers Teachers.

"Notwithstanding these ways some capable teachers in those days were to be found. Common schools were rarely if ever taught. The fall term began in the latter part of this summer and a [illegible] corn pulling time. The boys were developed their rugged constitutions at hard work when not attending school and in this way they became perfect men and women from a physical standpoint, but possessed little of the polish which can be secured by the young people of this day. While they were deficient in this respect, at the same time they were mentally the superiors of our girls and boys of the present day. Remember, I do not wish to be understood as saying that our ancestors were left entirely without educational advantages. As early as 1851 Burnsville academy was established. Rev. Stephen R. Adams of the Methodist denomination, a distinguished and eloquent preacher, was its first president. Mr. Adams was the father of our respected townsman, Mr. J. S. Adams. Many of our prominent citizens received their early training at that institution.

"Mars Hill college, in Madison county, was incorporated about 1857. At this institution the Rev. John Ammons, a distinguished Baptist preacher, and other men of distinction were educated.

"Some time about 1836 Miss Marguerite Smith of Rhode Island established a private school for young ladies and conducted the same in a building which stood at the corner of what is now Patton avenue and Church street, covered by the Drhuhor building. She had for an assistant Dr. Dixon, the Presbyterian divine, who had great reputation in the western part of this state for his learning. This school was maintained for many years, and in it a great many of the young ladies of Western Carolina were educated.

"About 1845 Rev. Erastus Rowley, a prominent Methodist preacher, came to Asheville and established a school in the building which had been occupied by Miss Smith. This school [illegible] Newton academy was established almost within a stone's throw of this building one July 11, 1850. At that time there was a building which had been used for church and school purposes, known as Union Hill academy. The house, which was a log one, was removed and in 1309 a brick house took its place. In the same year its name was changed to that of Newton academy.

"Mr. Foster Sondley, a member of the Asheville bar, wrote a very interesting paper sometime since, entitled 'Asheville Centenary,' and in speaking of Newton academy, among other things, said:

### Went to School.

"Here for many years the people resorted to preaching and sent their children to school and buried their dead. In 1857 or 1858 the brick building between the present academy and the graveyard was removed and the brick academy now there was erected. See Clayton vs. Trustees, 61 N. C., 288. From 1797 to 1844 the Rev. George Newton taught classical school at that place, which was famous throughout several states. Mr. Newton was a Presbyterian minister, reported to the Synod at Bethel Church, S. C., October 13, 1798, as having been received by ordination at the presbytery at Concord. (Foote's Sketches of North Carolina, 297.) He lived on the Swannanoa until 1834, when he removed to Bedford county, Tennessee, there for many years principal of Dickson academy and pastor of the Presbyterian church at Shelbyville, and there he died about 1841.

"It is noted fact that James Smith was the first white child born west of the Blue Ridge, and in this connection it should be remembered that James [illegible] M. Gudger of this city, and Hon. J. M. Gudger, Jr., formerly a member of congress from this district, was born a child four six months before the birth of Mr. Smith—Mr. Gudger's mother having gone there on account of a threatened outbreak of the Indians at that time. The Smith and Gudger families were living at that time in Buncombe county. James Gudger and James Smith were among the first pupils who attended Newton academy.

"At the time James Smith was born the entire section west of the French Broad river was occupied by Indians. The French Broad was recognized then as the boundary line between the white settlers and the Indians.

**Asheville Citizen June 12, 1907** **(Partial article)**

# NEW ROADWAY BADLY NEEDED TO CONNECT WEST ASHEVILLE

## Little Progress Is Being Made Because of Different Views But Opinion Is That There Should be Both New Bridge and Better Road.

It is the decided feeling among those interested that soon some definite action must be taken about providing a better approach to Asheville from West Asheville but what that action shall be is not agreed on by all. Some want a new high bridge from the end of Lyman street connecting with the newly paved Park avenue across the Lyman lands while others insist on the improvement of the Smith bridge road approach, while still others say that both plans should be carried out as the future will require them, the located businesses at Smith's bridge calling for a better roadway and the broader interests of the county requiring a permanent bridge above the railway tracks. It is admitted that no permanent grade crossing is desirable.

But the question of who is to pay for either or both of these improvements is the main issue. It is proposed in respect to the new bridge that city, county, West Asheville and Southern Railway each. The county is willing while Asheville and West Asheville are inclined to demur, asking why it is they should be called on to pay as communities in addition to their regular taxes as part of the county for a public bridge especially when many permanent bridges are being built in remote parts of the county solely at the county expense while this bridge would be of enormous benefit to half of the people of the county. However it is believed that Asheville and West Asheville would come around to paying part as they have grown accustomed to bearing burdens.

### More Obstacles.

The question of the cost of improving the grade via Spring street from Smith's bridge presents the same obstacles. It is a city street and therefore the county is inclined to want the city to improve it although it is willing to pay part while the city officials are some what at a loss to do. When other streets have been paved and graded the adjoining property owners have paid two thirds of the cost but there is no prospect for this on Spring street as it is beyond the 2000 foot limit and cannot be paved without petition. In fact it would be necessary to get a good grade that the road be relocated and this would mean in part a new street. West Asheville is clamoring for some better approach somehow and the county commissioners are willing to assist but this does not relieve the city's predicament. Its officials call attention to the fact that the street is really a county thoroughfare and the county should improve it just as much as it does any important road and the fact that it lies in the city makes no difference as the city pays about three fourths of the cost of the county road improvements anyway.

And in the meantime nothing is done. The long sighted ones say the best plan is to improve the Smith's bridge approach and build the new bridge because it is folly to think of a permanent thoroughfare over grade crossing especially as when the new double tracks are laid trains will be passing all the time.

The view of some of the property owners at Smith's bridge is shown by the following letter:

Editor of the Citizen:

There has been a great deal of talk and several articles written about the proposed high bridge connecting Asheville and West Asheville with a better thoroughfare which shall be less dangerous than the present road across the railroad tracks and Smith's bridge, crossing the river with one end at Lyman ferry and the other connecting with Park Avenue. Such a bridge would be 45 or 50 feet high and supply a driveway, walkway and place for street car tracks and eliminating the danger of tracks and cost from $75,000 to $100,000 and it is proposed that it be paid for by four sources, the County, Asheville, West Asheville and the Southern a fourth each and any street railway using it to pay rental to be used for refunding the cost and for repairs. The bridge would be 700 or 800 feet long. This is a beautiful proposition and if all parties would agree as suggested I believe the investment would pay in the long run. I for one will not enter objection to it because the advancement of property values in West Asheville would pay the county in ten years and bring money into Asheville in the way of trade. But in the meantime what is to become of the Smith's bridge and the business located on each side of the river in the shape of cotton mills, planing mills, flour mills, lumber yards, ice plants, rock quarries and coal yards and about 25 stores. They cannot be raised or moved, but will have to stay where they are and the new bridge a quarter of a mile above will not help them. The travel from the Hominy Leicester, Avery's Creek and Leicester sections is more than twice the travel on any other approach to the city. The grade from the river to the Melk house will run

**Asheville Citizen August 14, 1907**

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# SCHOENFELD GETS DEED TO PROPERTY

[illegible] $125,000 Hotel are Ready and Development Will Go Forward Rushed Soon.

A deed filed in the Register of Deeds office yesterday definitely consummated the purchase by O. B. Schoenfeld of New Orleans from the Asheville Electric Company of the "Sulphur Springs Property" and makes it certain that the plans of Mr. Schoenfeld for its extensive development will be carried. The final papers were passed yesterday in the office of the Hon. William J Cocke, who is Mr. Schoenfeld's attorney.

The news will be received with great interest and pleasure by the people in the section West of Asheville because they know that it means that a great impetus will be given to the community of West Asheville and vicinity and will probably lead to the establishment of a street car line.

Mr. Schoenfeld is the director of the Young Men's Athletic Club of New Orleans, the largest in the South, and he was so much impressed when he saw the 338 acres at the Sulphur Springs that he at once concluded to buy it, and his standing in New Orleans is such that he soon induced capitalists to interest themselves with him for the purpose of building a hotel and cottages, the general plan being to make a most attractive resort, features of which will be physical training under Mr Schoenfeld's direction. Plans have been drawn by Architect R. S. Smith of this city for a handsome hotel whose probable cost will be $125,000 and which will be erected on the site of the hotel burned many years ago.

The price paid for the property was $40000. The deal was made by J. M Campbell.

**Asheville Citizen February 2, 1907**

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## DEFINITE ASSURANCE OF BENEFIT TO WEST ASHVEILLE

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# SCHOENFELD BUYS RACE TRACK AND WILL ESTABLISH RACING

## Fifty Acres Sold by Green and Three to M. S. Quinn Who Is to Build Hotel to the Sulphur Springs Property

O. H. Schoenfeld, manager of the Ad from Grove and Through this city Carrier race track in West Asheville.

This means that Asheville will have a race track and races of sufficient to bring many people here will result.

The purchase embraces 50 acres and the price paid for it was $7,500. The deal being made by J. M. Campbell's real estate agency. It is close to the Sulphur Springs property recently bought by Mr. Schoenfeld and this is level as a floor close to the French Broad river and protected on the North by high hills. Just across the river is the Hillmore Estate and good road from Carrier's bridge passes the track which may be reached also by the road over Smith's bridge. The track was quite in perfect condition and can easily be made one of the highest class.

Those who learned of the deal yesterday were greatly elated and said that it meant racing for Asheville and an influx of visitors. In a way it will be connected with Mr. Schoenfeld's Sulphur Springs purchase on which he will erect a fine hotel this summer. Mr. Schoenfeld is director of the Young Men's Athletic Club of New Orleans, the leading athletic organization of the South and his connection with sports is such that there is no doubt that he can bring racing here.

When the race track is in operation it will tend greatly to secure a street railway across the river.

**Asheville Citizen February 24, 1907**

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# SCHOENFELD BUYS RACE TRACK AND WILL ESTABLISH RACING

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**Asheville Citizen February 24, 1907**

# SCHOENFELD HERE TO SEE PROPERTY

O. H. Schoenfeld of New Orleans, arrived yesterday morning with several men from New Orleans who are interested in his plans for development in West Asheville.

Mr. Schoenfeld purchased last summer the Sulphur Springs' property for the purpose of erecting there a fine hotel, in connection with an establishment for physical training, the site being so beautiful and accessible as to make it an ideal one. Later he purchased from Green and Thrash the old Carrier race track and had under consideration the plan of creating a race course there.

Mr. Schoenfeld visited his purchases yesterday but is not in a position now, he said, to announce his plans.

Asheville Citizen August 20, 1907

# BROUGHT FARM FOR BINGHAM SCHOOL?

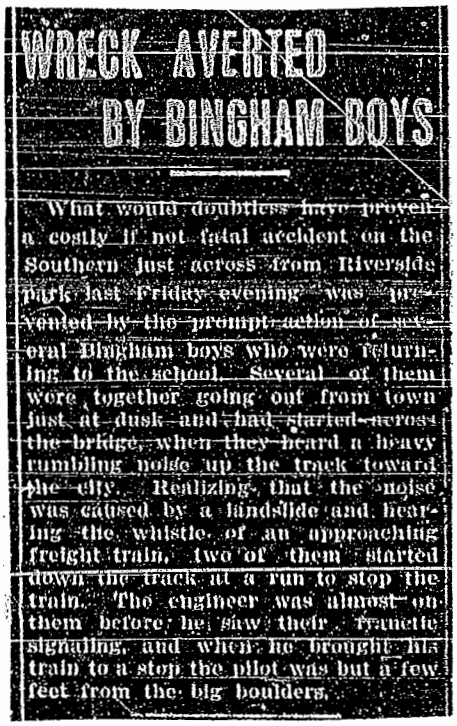
J. M. Campbell yesterday sold the old Murdock place of 26 acres on Bingham Heights to Professor Crouch of Bingham School, for $3,000.

It is believed in real estate circles that the purchase was really made for Colonel Robert Bingham and that it will be included in the school property.

**Asheville Citizen September 14, 1907**

# West Asheville Newspaper Articles

## Articles from 1908 to 1909



# WRECK AVERTED BY BINGHAM BOYS

What would doubtless have proven a costly if not fatal accident on the Southern just across from Riverside park last Friday evening was prevented by the prompt action of several Bingham boys who were returning to the school. Several of them were together going out from town just at dusk and had started across the bridge, when they heard a heavy rumbling noise up the track toward the city. Realizing that the noise was caused by a landslide and hearing the whistle of an approaching freight train, two of them started down the track at a run to stop the train. The engineer was almost on them before he saw their frantic signaling, and when he brought his train to a stop the pilot was but a few feet from the big boulders.

Asheville Citizen February 17, 1908

# On and Off of Street Cars

## The Right and the Wrong Ways

Ever since street cars were invented you have read the sign "Do not get on or off the car while in motion." Many have heeded the advice and as a result have escaped injury.

There is a right and a wrong way to get on and off a street car, but first, last and always you should never get on or off a car that is in motion. Especially to ladies who are patrons of the street cars we would say a word about the right and wrong ways.

Whenever it is possible, use both hands to board a car, catching each hand-rail. Frequently ladies have bundles and the use of both hands is impossible. If only one hand is available always use the right hand. Grasp the hand-rail which is convenient to your right hand and then place the right foot on the step. It is then easiest to swing yourself aboard the car.

In getting off a car always face the direction in which the car is going. Grasp the hand-rail convenient to the left hand and place the right foot on the ground first. Should the car start you would be in the natural position for walking or running, and not apt to be thrown. Jumping off a car with both feet at the same time is apt to cause you to loose your balance.

The simple rule of using your right hand and right foot when boarding a car, and the left hand and right foot when getting off will be found to be the most convenient, most graceful and the safest.

**Asheville Electric Company.**

Asheville Citizen February 21, 1908

# HUGS ATTACKED MAN AT BRIDGE

While Sam Wilson, an employe of the Blue Ridge Baking company, was going to his home in West Asheville Friday night and was crossing Smith's bridge, he was set on by a gang of thugs, who threw rocks at him and inflicted painful injuries, one rock injuring his leg so badly that he could scarcely walk. The case was reported to the police yesterday and an effort is being made to catch the assailants.

This is not the first complaint which has been made of a gang which loafs at the bridge apparently looking for trouble.

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ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

# GREAT WORK BEING DONE BY RESCUE HOME OF ASHEVILLE

The statistics of our United States show that there are 250,000 fallen girls in our country, and the average life of these girls is only five years. So from our beautiful, so-called Christian nation there is a demand from our homes for 250,000 pure girls to fill up these vacancies in the dens of vice. When investigating the conditions of this city and mountain country it is clearly seen that it is not without its share of these victims.

Five years ago Lucius B. Compton and wife, while doing work among the poor of Asheville, became convinced of the needed a Home for girls who were tired of sin and their fallen condition and desired to be redeemed back to virtue and to live Christian lives. As Mr. Compton and his workers believe and teach that the grace of God can fully redeem from any condition that sin and vice has brought its victims to, any girl who was willing to forsake the sinful past was accepted in the Home. When the Rescue Home was first opened at Park Place it met with quite a lot of opposition, by many who did not understand fully its purpose. Many did not believe it would be able to stand because there was no visible backing by any church or body of people. It was claimed by its founder to be a work of faith, and they named the Home "Faith Cottage." It remained at No. 6 Park Place for over two years, and all that time the work grew and prospered. Some of Asheville's most wicked women were rescued in the Home where good influence was thrown about them and impressions made upon their hearts, and a number of them were changed in their habits of life, and accepted the salvation of Christ and went out to live new lives. Among the noted characters of Asheville was Roxie Nix, who was brought to us from the city prison, and spent most of her last months in the Home.

As the work grew it was the conviction of the workers that a larger house was needed and more room required to go on successfully with the work. Another step of faith was taken for the present home at No. 51 Atkinson street. There were two acres of land and a dilapidated house on it. Mr. Compton with his workers decided that this was the place for a permanent home to be built. Inquiring into the matter, Mr. Compton found it was for sale for the sum of $1,050.00; he told the agent he believed it to be the place for his Rescue Home. He deposited $50.00 with him providing he would give Mr. Compton fifteen days to pray for the $500.00, which was the amount to be paid down to get the deed. As the $50.00 was all he had, he stated to the agent that he did not know where the $500 was coming from, only he and his workers prayed for it. But in the fifteen days the amount was paid down and carpenters employed to commence the building, and the home inside of three months was ready to move into. It has been a puzzle to Asheville how this has been carried on, but it is a work of faith, and all they get comes in answer to prayer. This Home and land is deeded to the "unfortunate and fallen girls" who come to be redeemed and restored back to paths of virtue, and not to Rev. Compton or his wife. The work was incorporated October 30, 1906.

The workers in this home receive no salary for their services but give their time and strength as a love service to rescue the fallen. Mr. Compton turns every dollar he receives in his evangelistic work except his traveling expenses to the support of this work. No one is behind this institution with money, but it is supported by the voluntary contributions of those who believe it to be a worthy cause.

At this time the Home is crowded with girls, and any one caring to investigate will find that a noble work is being carried on.

Minnie Nicols, a girl well known in Asheville by the officers, was brought from prison to the Home, where she was redeemed and died in the Christian faith. Cleo Lakey, another noted character in this city is at this time in the Rescue Home, and is living a beautiful Christian life. "No matter how far from the right she has strayed, no matter what inbread sin has made, no matter what element has conquered the pearl, she is some mother's girl."

Mr. Compton will hold a special service Sunday afternoon at 3.30, at the Apostolic church on Buxton street, in the interest of Faith Rescue Home. All are invited to attend this service.

Asheville Citizen March 1908

# Bingham Boys Working Hard for a Winning Baseball Team

Manager Duke and assistant manager Says, of the Bingham School base ball team, spent yesterday soliciting subscriptions from the business men of the city in an effort to raise a base ball fund. Quite a few met with success for responses were made liberally and the boys returned to the school last night with spirits high and a couple of hundred dollars subscribed.

Bingham's base ball prospects this season are bright and the boys hope to have a nine that will "make good". Captain Harbour is working hard to make his team the best in the history of the school and has a large squad out at practice every afternoon. Coach Pitman is giving the boys good hard practice. The whole school is alive with base ball enthusiasm. Four of the last years men are back to claim their places, Glenn, Harbour, Richards and Reed. The new men who are showing up well in practice and will likely be played in the first game on the 17th, are Smith, Pottejohn, T. Caldell, Southgate, Clark and Jamerson.

Manager Duke has arranged the following schedule for the season:

March 17 Carson and Newman College at Asheville.

March 21. Mars Hill College, at Asheville.

March 28. Christ School at Asheville.

April 3. Weaverville College, at Asheville.

April 8. Elon College, at Asheville.

April 10. Tennessee Deaf and Dumb College, at Asheville.

April 11. Catawba College, at Newton.

April 14. Lenoir College, at Hickory.

April 15. Trinity Park school, at Durham.

April 16. Oak Ridge Institute, at Oak Ridge.

April 17. Elon College, Burlington.

April 18. Elon College, at Elon College.

April 20. Tusculum College, at Asheville.

May 2. Catawba College, at Ashe-

**Asheville Citizen March 10, 1908**

# INSURANCE COMPANY GETS ENTIRE FLOOR

The entire third floor of the American National Bank Building has been leased to the Imperial Mutual Life and Health Insurance Company and yesterday its furniture was removed to the new quarters.

The company operates in every North Carolina city and town of any importance and has developed a great business.

Asheville Citizen March 14, 1908

# ASHEVILLE BOYS ON A ROWING TRIP

Two of the young boys of this city, Thomas R. Jervey and William Wilson, will leave this morning on a row boat trip down the French Broad river, with New Orleans as their destination. The boys will leave Riverside Park about nine o'clock and expect to spend three months on the way. They have purchased a rowing boat twenty feet long and five feet wide and are provided with a block and tackle to help it over dams in the river. They expect to have all their rough waters between here and Knoxville and believe that they will have smooth rowing from there on. They are taking a complete camping outfit with them and will sleep on the shore at night.

They intend to visit all the cities along the waterway.

**Asheville Citizen May 1908**

# CADETS DRILLED LIKE VETERANS

## BIG CROWD WITNESSED ANNUAL PRIZE DRILL

### Flag Again Awarded to Company B, But Only After Keen Competition.

A prettier sight than Biltmore Green presented yesterday noon when Bingham's cadets gave their annual prize drill and dress parade, could hardly be imagined.

Six or seven hundred spectators were lined up around the parade grounds and the excellent work of the cadets was liberally applauded. Looking very natty in their grey cadet blouses and white duck trousers, the boys drilled like veterans, going through the manuel at arms with precision that told of long hours of hard training. Probably the prettiest part of the whole affair was the dress parade, and when the battalion came to a "present arms" and Adjutant Glenn, executing a "right about face" and saluting, reported the "parade is formed" the spectators broke into a storm of applause.

Competition for the flag was so keen and so well did each company drill that to the layman's mind the awarding of the flag was almost an impossibility. After a lengthy deliberation the judges finally awarded the flag again to the keeping of Company B., Captain McCullough's company, whose second victory was cheered lustily by the two defeated companies.

**Asheville Citizen May 6, 1908**

# NOTED WOMAN DIES AT BINGHAM SCHOOL

MRS. WILLIAM BINGHAM ENDS USEFUL CAREER

Had Been Closely Connected With Asheville School for More Than Half a Century

Special to The Citizen.

BINGHAM SCHOOL, Asheville, N. C., May 5.—Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock Mrs. William Bingham passed away in her home, "Mid-lawn," at Bingham School.

Mrs. Bingham, who was before her marriage Miss Owen, white of Raleigh, had been connected with the Bingham school for a little over half a century, having started her work with her husband, Col. William Bingham, at "Oaks," in this (Orange) county, in 1854—52 years ago. In 1865 she came with her husband to the present location of the school, where she helped him in his work until 1873, when he died. After his death she took an active part in the conduct of the institution, influencing the lives of hundreds of young men who attended the school here, personally nursing the sick, conducting the boarding department with the assistance of her sister, Miss Alice White, and being the owner of the grounds and buildings.

She was a graduate of St. Mary's School and a woman who combined warm-hearted impulses with remarkable industry and determination of character.

All over the land hundreds of alumni of the school will hear with sadness of her death, realizing that not only a woman possessing character and domestic virtues has passed away, but a landmark in the educational history and progress of the state, a woman of force, who has helped shape the character of many of the state's great men.

She leaves two children, one a son, Ernest, now engaged in business at Duluth, Minn., and the other, a daughter, Mary Stewart, wife of Professor Lewis Gray, present superintendent of the school.

The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the faculty and the cadet corps of the school taking part. The pallbearers were Messrs. Dave A. White, H. W. Bason, W. A. Murray, J. F. Dick, James H. Cheek and A. V. Smith. The honorary pallbearers were the officers of the Presbyterian church of Melane, of which she was a member. The services were conducted by the Rev. R. T. Liston, assisted by Rev. E. K. Murray, D. D., rector of the Presbyterian church of Graham.

**Asheville Citizen May 6, 1908**

# COUNTY'S SCHOOLS ARE NOW CLOSED

## THREE NEW HIGH SCHOOLS DURING YEAR.

### Schools Will All Be Supplied With Teachers For Next Year—Examinations June 4, 5 and 6.

The public schools of Buncombe county have all closed except the one at West Asheville. The closing exercises of the West Asheville school will be held in Odd Fellows hall on Thursday evening, Friday and Friday evening. On Friday evening there will be a charge for admission of 25 cents.

During the year there have been three state high schools founded, one at Fairview, one at Candler and one at Barnardsville. These schools have all done excellent work. The purpose of the high school is to prepare young men and women to enter the colleges of the state.

The North Carolina Journal of Education published the fact that the school district in Watauga county was the first to vote compulsory attendance according to the state law. This, it seems, is a mistake as the compulsory law was voted at Candler about a year ago. Since then three other districts have voted compulsory attendance, those being Mount Carmel, Biltmore and Black Mountain. These four districts, it is said, find this law in force before the district in Watauga county.

Teachers applications are coming in rapidly to the superintendent. After the examinations which are to be held on the 4, 5, and 6 of June, the superintendent proposes to go into the various townships for the purpose of supplying the schools with teachers.

The prospect for a strong body of teachers for next year is the best since the superintendent came into office.

A number of teachers from this county, about 25 or 30, intend to attend the Teachers' Assembly which is to be held at Charlotte on the 16-19 of June.

**Asheville Citizen May 20, 1908**

THE WEATHER
Rain.

# THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

WHAT A WOMAN WILL DO TO BRING PEACE

VOL. XXIV. NO. 134. ASHEVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 27, 1908. PRICE FIVE CENTS

# TIDAL WAVE OF PROHIBITION INUNDATES STATE

## DRY FORCES SWEEP N. CAROLINA BY MAJORITY WHICH IS NOW PLACED ANYWHERE FROM 40,000 TO 50,000

*In 78 Counties The Report is Practically the Same: Western North Caro. Registers Most Emphatic Verdict. Some Counties Voted 60 to 1.*

## BUNCOMBE COUNTY WILL LEAD THE PROCESSION

*Majority Goes Over 3000 and Committee Thinks That This County Will Capture the Banner Which Goes to the Biggest "Dry" Vote*

## ASHEVILLE WAS UP AND ASTIR AT DAYBREAK

Polls Opened Shortly After Dawn But the Workers Were There Early.

RESULT WAS BEYOND DOUBT AT 9 O'CLOCK

Asheville's Majority For Prohibition Comes Near the Thousand Mark.

Asheville Precinct Vote.

| | Dry | Wet |
|---|---|---|
| Asheville No. 1 | 102 | 68 |
| Asheville No. 2 | 110 | 41 |
| Asheville No. 4 | 214 | 12 |
| Asheville No. 5 | 219 | 30 |
| Asheville No. 6 | 200 | 45 |
| Total City | 1067 | 299 |
| Majority | | 768. |

## BUNCOMBE CO. LEADS THE VAN WITH HER 3,500

That Was Her Total Majority For Prohibition Early This Morning.

BIG IVY MADE A STAR RECORD.

Hazel Township Comes Out With the Biggest Majority in Whole County.

County Precinct Vote.

| | Dry | Wet |
|---|---|---|
| Haw Creek | 66 | 18 |
| [illegible] | 170 | 17 |
| [illegible] | 241 | 29 |
| Hazel | 306 | 9 |
| Biltmore | 158 | 2 |
| Lower Hominy | 150 | 7 |
| Upper Hominy | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Leicester No. 1 | 243 | 47 |
| Leicester No. 2 | 133 | 13 |
| Sandy Mush No. 1 | 84 | 7 |
| Sandy Mush No. 2 | 78 | 6 |
| Limestone | 99 | 32 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Swannanoa | 130 | 8 |
| Reems Creek | 227 | 4 |
| Ivy No. 1 | 179 | 1 |
| Ivy, No. 2 | 136 | 1 |
| Black Mountain | 150 | 5 |
| French Broad | 249 | 99 |
| Total (3 precinct missing) | 2805 | 365 |
| Asheville | 1067 | 299 |
| Total | 3925 | 664 |

Prohibition majority with Upper Hominy No. 1, Flat Creek and Avery's Creek missing 3,271.

*Notice to Quit*

## 18 COUNTIES ARE CARRIED BY WET VOTES

Wake, Wilkes, Johnson, Durham and Martin Lead Anti Procession.

WILKES VOTE AGAINST PROHIBITION 1500

Special to The Citizen.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 26—At 11:30 p. m., all the cities in the state and all the counties but twelve have been heard from, officially or semi-officially. The counties with a total majority of 6,959, while prohibition was successful in 70 counties and all of the large cities except Raleigh and Durham. The prohibition vote figures up 55,899, making net majority of 49,446, with twelve counties to hear from. Full official figures may make some changes but it is conservatively estimated that the prohibition majority in the state will reach 55,000. The counties not heard from are remote and cannot be heard from tonight.

By Associated Press.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 26—North Carolina was carried for state prohibition today by a majority that is estimated by from 40,000 to 45,000 on reports and returns received by 10 o'clock tonight.

The prohibition ticket has carried 78 out of the 98 counties by majorities approximately 48,500; the anti-prohibition ticket has carried by majorities approximating 5,600. This calculation is based on same estimates and the prohibition leaders say it is possible for the prohibition majority to reach 50,000.

A close estimate of the vote would give a prohibition majority of about 45,000.

The election passed off very quietly, no disturbances of any moment being reported. The total vote cast in the state was about 175,000.

Asheville Citizen May 27, 1908

# BUNCOMBE CO. LEADS THE VAN WITH HER 3,500

## That Was Her Total Majority For Prohibition Early This Morning.

## BIG IVY MADE A STAR RECORD.

## Hazel Township Comes Out With the Biggest Majority in Whole County.

| County Precinct Vote. | Dry. | Wet |
|---|---|---|
| Haw Creek | 56 | 18 |
| Remainder | 170 | 17 |
| Hazel | 297 | 29 |
| Biltmore | 206 | 9 |
| Lower Hominy | 150 | 2 |
| Upper Hominy | 160 | 7 |
| Leicester No. 1 | 342 | 42 |
| Leicester No. 2 | 133 | 18 |
| Sandy Mush No. 1 | 54 | 7 |
| Sandy Mush No. 2 | 78 | 0 |
| Limestone | 99 | 83 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Swannanoa | 163 | 22 |
| Reems Creek | 287 | 8 |
| Ivy No. 1 | 193 | 1 |
| Ivy No. 2 | 135 | 1 |
| Black Mountain | 159 | 5 |
| French Broad | 149 | 99 |
| Total (3 precinct missing) | 2808 | 263 |
| Asheville | 1067 | 200 |
| Total | 3935 | 564 |

Prohibition majority with Upper Hominy No. 1, Flat Creek and Avery's Creek missing 3,371.

Buncombe county registered her verdict for prohibition by a majority of over 3,500. Not a single precinct out of the 27 voted "wet" it is more than likely, nay, almost certain that Buncombe will get the silk banner which will be given to the county recording the heaviest prohibition majority.

The county precincts indicated early in the day that they would give a tremendous majority for prohibition. Among the star precincts were Hazel which polled 297 prohibition votes to 29 "wet" votes, Biltmore 206 to 9, and the Ivy box, Ivy No. 1 cast 193 votes as its contribution to the silk banner while one vote was against prohibition. It was jestingly suggested last night that recount would probably show this one vote was miscounted by mistake.

Buncombe county with Upper Hominy No. 1, Flat Creek and Avery's Creek precinct returns not reported cast 3935 prohibition votes and 564 "wet" votes, a "dry" majority of 3,371. The three missing precincts will raise this majority in all probability to ap-

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| Beaverdam | 170 | 17 |
| Hazel | 297 | 39 |
| Biltmore | 206 | 9 |
| Lower Hominy | 150 | 2 |
| Upper Hominy | 100 | 7 |
| Leicester No. 1 | 343 | 42 |
| Leicester No. 2 | 133 | 10 |
| Sandy Mush No. 1 | 54 | 7 |
| Sandy Mush No. 2 | 78 | 6 |
| Limestone | 99 | 33 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Swannanoa | 105 | 27 |
| Reems Creek | 287 | 4 |
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### Country Dry.

It has been suggested for some years that the country outside of Asheville did not want liquor sold in its territory but was really opposed to its being shut out of Asheville. With three precincts missing it appears that this sentiment was correct as to 285 of the inhabitants but decidedly incorrect as to 2,650 of them.

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# BUNCOMBE WINS PROHIBITION BANNER WITH A LARGE MAJORITY

## County's Majority, Thirty Seven Hundred 'Dry,' Nearly Double That of Any Other County in State

### Official Count Today

Buncombe county gives a prohibition majority of about 3,700, and it is just possible that when the county canvassing board meets here today at noon, to officially declare the result, the official count may add a few votes over 3,700 and so fill to the brim the cup of joy of the prohibitionists—the [illegible] gives [illegible] majority by a majority not very far from double that given by any other county.

The total vote of the county precincts as reported yesterday included the three precincts missing Tuesday night and is as follows:

| | Dry. | Wet. |
|---|---|---|
| Asheville No. 1 | 102 | 98 |
| Asheville No. 2 | 96 | 36 |
| Asheville No. 3 | 230 | 47 |
| Asheville No. 4 | 244 | 73 |
| Asheville No. 5 | 219 | 30 |
| Asheville No. 6 | 206 | 45 |
| Total city | 1067 | 329 |
| Majority | 738 | |

In the county outside of Asheville the vote by precinct follows:

| | Dry. | Wet. |
|---|---|---|
| Haw Creek | 56 | 18 |
| Beaverdam | 170 | 17 |
| Biltmore | 206 | 9 |
| Lower Hominy | 150 | 3 |
| Upper Hominy | 160 | 7 |
| Leicester No. 1 | 243 | 47 |
| Leicester No. 2 | 133 | 13 |
| Sandy Mush No. 1 | 54 | 1 |
| Sandy Mush No. 2 | 78 | 0 |
| Limestone | 99 | 38 |
| Fairview | 146 | 18 |
| Swannanoa | 153 | 22 |
| Beems Creek | 247 | 8 |
| Ivy No. 1 | 103 | 1 |
| [illegible] | 135 | 1 |
| Black Mountain | 159 | 6 |
| French Broad | 149 | 23 |
| Upper Hominy No. 2 | 102 | 1 |
| Flat Creek | 133 | 16 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Totals | 3441 | 688 |
| Majority | 3720 | |

The majority is not asserted to be correct, because many of the reports having been received over the telephone there is chance of mistake in [illegible]. The majority will not vary [illegible] much, however.

It could not be learned exactly yesterday the majority in the mountain [illegible] although its registered vote is a small part of the registered vote of the state or of the total state vote cast Tuesday. So far as was learned, Clay county cast some 600 "dry" votes and not one "wet," while Marshall, in Madison, cast a solid vote, 518, for prohibition. The Yancey majority is estimated at 1,200. The campaign in the 14 western counties was managed entirely by J. H. Tucker of Asheville through Chairman Orr of the state committee, and he personally organized a number of counties whose results show [illegible] was his handiwork.

Mr. W. P. Whittington, chairman of the Buncombe county Anti-Saloon league, received yesterday a telegram [illegible] which reads as follows:

"Buncombe wins the majority banner. Hearty congratulations."

The banner referred to is the one offered by the women of the state to the county league which succeeded in rolling up the largest majority of any county in the state. Buncombe wins that honor by its majority of 3,681.

The county committee is arranging a jollification meeting to celebrate its victory and the banner will be presented on that occasion. Neither the date for this meeting nor the program of exercises has been agreed upon yet, but it is expected to be held in a few days.

The committee will file its report of election expenses tomorrow with the county canvassing board. The report will show that the whole county election cost less than the city election cost last fall.

**Asheville Citizen May 28, 1908**

# Outlook for Bingham Season Better Than Ever This Year

The present prospects for a good football team at The Bingham school this year are excellent. In fact a comparison with the material of last year's team, which made such a splendid record, shows that the available material at this time exceeds that of last year. The boys have gotten down to hard practice under the coaching of Lieut. Koon and are showing up well.

Among the men of last year's team that will again be in the line are Wright W., Nahikian, Barco and Flora The back field will probably be strengthened than that of last year and will probably consist of Speer, Mumbell, Norton and Koon, all of whom have had considerable experience in foot ball and have made fine records on other teams. McClure, Nixon and Kimball are showing up well for center. Jones and McKeever are likely men for end players.

Coach Koon has gotten up considerable interest in football among a number of the cadets, so that this week there will be a strong second team in the field and will daily buck up against the first team, in practice.

While the schedule of games is not entirely complete, Manager Southgate has secured games with several teams, some of the games to be played at Riverside Park and at least two will be played on a trip in South Carolina. The biggest game of the season and one to which the greatest interest attaches is the Thanksgiving game with Maryville College, which will be played at Riverside park. It will probably be recalled that last Thanksgiving the game between these two rivals was played in Knoxville, and although the cadets were technically beaten, there were many present who warmly applauded and greatly admired the pluck and fine playing of the Bingham team.

This year Bingham friends to win the game beyond all doubts, and the struggle undoubtedly will be great.

Bingham will play the University of South Carolina in Columbia on Oct. 7, and the fact that several years ago South Carolina was defeated at the hands of the Bingham team will make the cadets put up a hard struggle to defeat them again.

Negotiations are also being carried on with Davidson College for a game to be played at Rock Hill, S. C., a few days after the game with the University of South Carolina.

The attendance at the school this year has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of Col. Bingham. Almost all the rooms in the barracks are occupied already and boys are still arriving almost daily, many returning who were not expected until the last moment, and several coming in unannounced. It was at first thought that the panic of last November and presidential year combined would tend to decrease the attendance at the school, but this seems to have had no appreciable effect upon those desiring an education.

Jellico from Jellico Southern Coal Company. 111

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West Asheville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
Dec. 12, 1908.

Dear Santa Clause:

Please bring me a work-box and a pair of leggons and a doll with a Teddy bear suit on. You can get one at Mr. Means store up town, and a pop corn poper and candy, oranges and all kinds of nuts and please don't forget my mama and I live in West Asheville.

Your friend.

Edith Sumner.

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West Asheville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
Dec. 12, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you bring me a large doll that will go to sleep and bring me a nice little coat and some white buttons on it and candy, oranges, and all kind of nuts, and please don't forget my little sister Pauline. I live in West Asheville near Balm Grove Church. So I hope you a merry Christmas.

Your friend.

Fannie Brewer.

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West Asheville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3.
Dec. 12, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a tea set and a doll that will go to sleep, and a doll carriage and some candy, oranges, and all kinds of nuts and please don't forget mama and little sister Margaret. Hoping you will come.

Your friend.

Pauline Brewer.

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Dear Santa Claus:

I am going to try and be good Please bring me a foot ball, some fire crackers, a book, a game, some handkerchiefs, a set of tools, and some candy, oranges and nuts. I am seven years old and I live in West Asheville.

William Alexander.

West Asheville, N. C.

P. S. Please bring me a drum.

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West Asheville, Dec. 9, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am not going to say that I have been good, because I am afraid you will put my letter in the trash-basket. I want a sweater, a pair of leggins, some handkerchiefs, some good games of some kind, a pair of gloves, a picture puzzle, and don't forget my little sister Melb, and bring me some fruits, candy and nuts.

Yours truly,

Jannie Morgan.

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West Asheville, N. C.

Dear Santa Clause:

I am a little boy seven years of age. I go to school every day. And I want you to please bring me for Xmas a new suit, blue sweater, cap, football, horn, train, and a nice book, nuts, candy and oranges.

Hoping to see you soon.

Your friend

Harold Taylor.

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West Asheville, N. C., Dec. 9, 1908.

Dear Santa Clause:

I have tried to be good, and I think I have. Please Santy bring me some building blocks, a story book, a whole lot of fire crackers, a whip, a horn, a ball, and a good game of some kind, and lots of fruits and candy and nuts.

Your little friend,

David Morgan.

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Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me an auto, pair of leather leggins, picture book and candy, nuts, oranges and anything else you want to bring. Mamma thinks I am a good boy.

Your little friend,

Willard Frillam.

West Asheville, Route 3.

P. S. Santa Claus please bring papa six pair of shoes.

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West Asheville, N. C., Route No. 3.
Dec. 12, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus:

I saw in The Citizen for little folks to write you a letter and you would give some presents. I am a boy five years old. I would be glad to hear from you. You send me some toys for Christmas. Good by, Mr. Santa Claus.

Corel Alexander.

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Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old go to school in West Asheville, and have tried to be a good boy, bring me foot ball, magic lantern, pair leather leggins, candy, nuts and oranges. Please don't forget my teacher, bring her something nice.

Your friend,

Jack Fullman.

West Asheville, Route 3.

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West Asheville, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
Dec. 10, 1908.

Dear Santa Clause:—I thought as it is nearly Christmas I would write and tell you how good Sister and myself have been. We have been very good and expect to be, until after Christmas any way. This is what I would like for you to bring a nice story book, doll bed, candy, nuts, oranges, raisens, cocoanut and anything else you think is nice for me. Bring Edna a little table and chair, for her doll, and a book, candy, nuts oranges, raisens and that is all for this time. Good bye Santa.

Lena Beacham and

Edna Beacham

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West Asheville, N. C., Route No. 3.
Dec. 9, 1908.

Dear Santa Clause:

I saw in the Citizen for little folks to write you a letter and you would give some presents. I am writing you a letter. I am a boy five years old and I would be glad to hear from you. I would be glad to get some nice toys for Christmsa. Good bye Santa.

Hubert Christopher.

# MARSHAL'S OFFICE SHOULD COME HERE

## IMPORTANT OFFICE WOULD BE ADVANTAGE TO CITY

### It is Claimed that W. E. Logan Can Get It If the Republicans Stand Together.

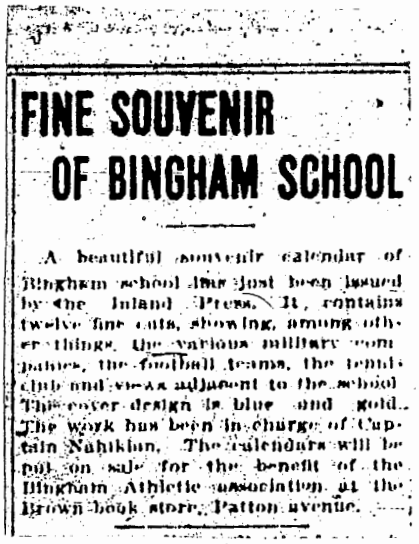
Regardless of politics people want an Asheville man appointed as United States marshal.

They wish this both for the reason that they would prefer to have a man here named instead of some one elsewhere because they realize that if the appointment comes here it means the removal of the marshal's office to this city.

The marshal's office is one of considerable importance and would add to the importance of the city as well as bring considerable revenue here. The office force consists of five or six persons and the field force of a dozen men who would be here frequently, and many others who would also come because of business with the office. In fact it is said the office is as valuable to a place as the internal revenue office which the citizens sought so earnestly to have retained here.

It is for these reasons that it is urged that the citizens, regardless of party, support the man here most likely to get the appointment and not let politics lead them to support some one living somewhere. There is but one candidate here so far, W. E. Logan; T. J. Markins, esq., so far not being a candidate though urged to become one by many friends, and it is admitted that with Congressman Grant's hearty support of Mr. Logan it is quite probable that he will get the appointment if the republicans, especially, will unite with him. If, however, local republicans fight Logan, is is possible they might beat him, but they would lose for Asheville at the same time and the only satisfaction would be in seeing some one from another district get the place.

**Asheville Citizen October 2, 1909**



# FINE SOUVENIR OF BINGHAM SCHOOL

A beautiful souvenir calendar of Bingham school has just been issued by the Inland Press. It contains twelve fine cuts, showing, among other things, the various military companies, the football teams, the tennis club and views adjacent to the school. The cover design is blue and gold. The work has been in charge of Captain Nahikian. The calendars will be put on sale for the benefit of the Bingham Athletic association at the Brown book store, Patton avenue.

Asheville Citizen November 15, 1908

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN. Tuesday, November 17, 1908.

# WAKE FOREST FALLS AT HANDS OF BINGHAM'S STRONG ELEVEN

## Cadets are Now in Fair Way of Meeting Maryville on Thanksgiving Day With a Clean Slate.

### A Fine Game Throughout.

After the hardest fought game of the season for the Bingham football team, the cadets walked off the Riverside field yesterday afternoon victorious over their strongest opponent by the score of 11 to 0. The game, as predicted, was the fiercest contest which the cadets will have this year, and every inch that was gained on each side was fought for. Bingham won the game yesterday because they out-played the visitors at every stage. It was the cadets' game from the first, and it was up to all that they entered to carry out their threat that they were going to win. The game was a clean one and entirely free from all unnecessary roughness, and was played for the most part according to the old style of ball playing. Very few trick plays were attempted, and these proved to be failures. Twice the Wake Forest boys were penalized on their forward pass. Old reliable line plunging and end runs were adopted by the cadets, and very seldom were they held for downs or forced to kick.

Both touchdowns were made in the first half. The first one was made by Barco, who blocked a forced kick and fell on the ball after it had rolled over the line. Norton kicked goal. The second one was made by Koon, though a great deal of the credit belongs to Norton, who carried the ball for 40 yards and was downed on the two-yard line, from where Koon carried it over. The feature of the game was Norton's long run. Autrey deserved special praise for his brilliant tackling. Metler was there in his old accustomed way both in carrying the ball and in tackling. Koon and Norton starred on line plunging and running ends. Kimball also made many long gains around the end.

In the second half the visitors took a brace and played ball which equalled that of the cadets. Bingham managed to get within two yards of their goal line on two occasions, but were met by a wall both times and lost the ball. Bingham defended their own goal in better fashion, and it was never in danger.

The outcome of the game removes the greatest obstacle which threatened Bingham's clean slate for the season, and unless some unforseen event intrudes they will wind up their year with great credit. Next Saturday they will play the scrub team of Davidson college, and after that come the famous Thanksgiving day game with Maryville.

# NEGRO EVANGELIST WILL HOLD MEETING

Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, a well known negro evangelist, is conducting a revival meeting at the colored Methodist church in West Asheville. Rev. Chauncey Withrow was born in Rutherford county, where he was raised on a farm. He has held successful revivals in a number of places in North Carolina and elsewhere in the south. He is regarded by many who have heard him as the equal of Booker Washington and by others as Washington's superior. The Rutherfordton Sun of September 25, 1905, had this to say of Rev. Chauncey Withrow:

"Booker Washington may stand with eager gaze watching over the mental and physical development of his thousands of students who come and go at Tuskegee, yet in all his display of talent and learning our Rutherford county colored divine outstrips him in every principle of character that goes into the make-up of a scholar, educator, preacher and benefactor to his race. His sermons, his lectures, his life as a public benefactor to and for his race, stands without a parallel in the history of the colored race in the south. Wherever he has gone, from the hovels in the mountain gorges, where he first breathed into existence, to the crowded churches in the populous cities, he has won the hearts of his own people and the plaudits and commendations of his white friends, who gladly bestow upon him not only merited confidence, but substantial support and encouragement."

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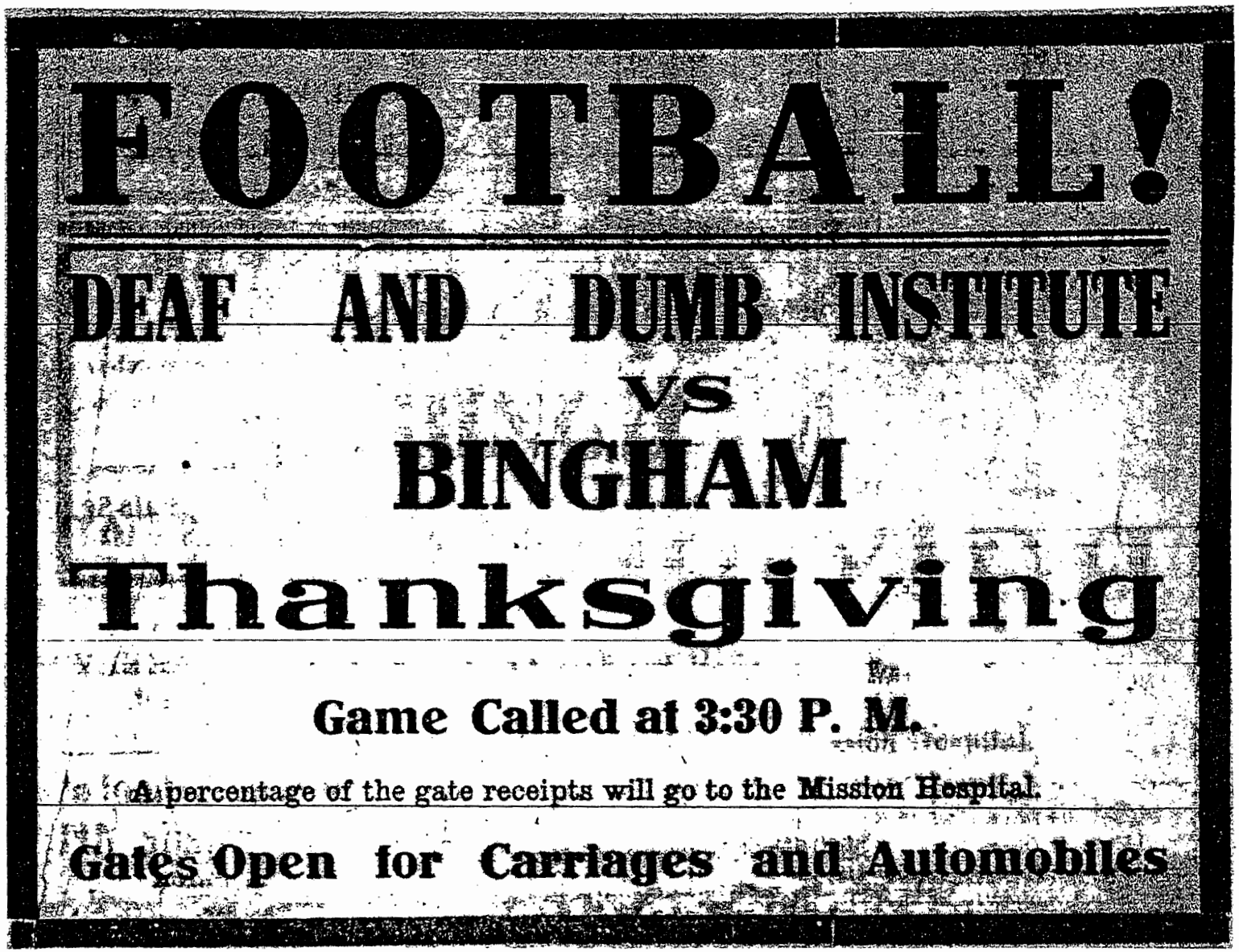
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The Athletic association of Bingham school has just issued from the press of The Inland Press a 1909 calendar that at once takes front rank among the many handsome calendars seen in Asheville thus far. It is a calendar of distinctive parts and individualism, with the months of the year illustrated with photo-engravings tipped on the cover and calendar sheets bound with silk cord and knotted. The calendar is of Tellalan finish, mist grey, rhododendron bristol, with the word "Bingham" across the cover page in blue and gold embossed. The cover also contains the school seal and the year "1909."

The first month's illustration is a photo-engraving of Bingham school entitled "Bingham Gates." The second calendar sheet shows Col. Robert Bingham in his study, while March is illustrated with a splendid photo-engraving of the commissioned officers of the school. April shows the non-commissioned officers in group while May, June and July pages contain photo-engravings of company A, company B and company C, respectively. The personnel of the tennis club finds place on the August sheet and the 1908 baseball team September. October shows a very handsome picture of the entire football squad and November the Bingham eleven. The December month illustration is the most unique in the publication. It is a half-tone photo-engraving of a football with the faces of Capt. Nahiklan, Coach Koon, Manager Southgate and Coach Norton of the football squad showing through the ball.

The calendar publication was in charge of Capt. Nahiklan, the football team's crack center, and reflects much credit upon that young gentleman's taste and ability. The calendar, published to benefit the Athletic association, will be placed on sale at Brown's book store.

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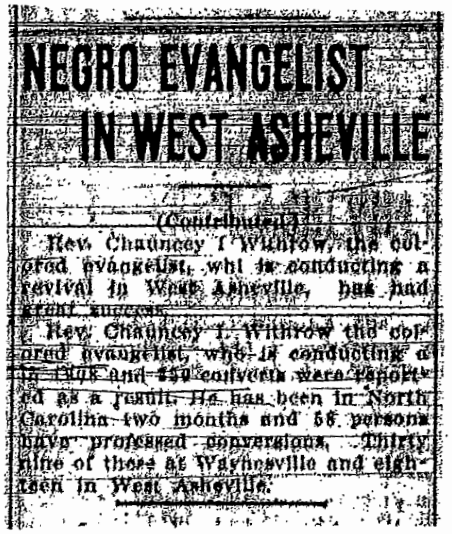
# ANOTHER DIVISON FOR W. ASHEVILLE

Another subdivision of lands in the fast growing suburb of West Asheville is to be made.

Through the real estate agency of LaBarbe, Moale and Chiles the extensive Clayton tract on the west side of the river has been sold to J. M. Gudger, Jr., J. D. Carrier and F. Whittemore for $5,500.

Asheville Citizen January, 1909



# NEGRO EVANGELIST IN WEST ASHEVILLE

(Contributed.)

Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, the colored evangelist, who is conducting a revival in West Asheville, has had great success.

Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow the colored evangelist, who is conducting a [illegible] and 150 converts were reported as a result. He has been in North Carolina two months and 56 persons have professed conversions. Thirty nine of these at Waynesville and eighteen in West Asheville.

Asheville Citizen January 21, 1909

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# BRIDGE MEASURE MAY BECOME LAW

## OPPOSITION TO MODIFIED MEASURE HAS ABOUT CEASED.

### Buncombe Legislators Have About Agreed on Terms of Bill, But Not Commissioners.

The opinion now prevails that the bridge measure will pass the legislature at an early date.

R. M. Wells, Esq., who has been in Raleigh pushing the measure, said yesterday that with the provisions published in yesterday's Citizen, that $20,000 shall be provided by private sources before any bonds shall be issued or contract let for the bridge, the opposition seemed satisfied and the Buncombe legislators had agreed on the measure. The measure will not be submitted to a vote, as was suggested.

It has been agreed that the bridge commission shall consist of nine members, two of whom will be chosen from the city, two from West Asheville, one from the interests at the terminus of Smith's bridge and the others from different parts of the county. The Buncombe members had not, when Mr. Wells left Raleigh, decided who should be commissioners, although it was practically agreed that Geo. S. Powell should be one. Mr. Wells said that the $20,000 would be raised either by means of an electric railway franchise or by the people of West Asheville, and that the bridge would be built, he fully believed.

# MR. GASTON TELLS OF BRIDGE BILL

BRIDGE COMMISSION TO DECIDE IF BRIDGE IS NEEDED.

If Deemed Necessary, They Are to Choose Site, Advertise Cost and Report to Commissioners.

Representative Gaston, who was in the city yesterday on route to his home in the county, in speaking of the Buncombe county bridge bill by the legislature, said that the bill leaved discretion that the bridge commission go over the situation and if they decide that goods traffic the building of the bridge they are to decide on the best location, secure estimates of the cost and report to the county commissioners.

A bond issue of $150,000, in case it is decided that the bridge be built, is provided. Should the bridge commissioners find that the county commissioners may supply the necessary amount from the general fund. Mr. Gaston said that he did not have a full list of the bridge commissioners but gave the following from memory: George S. Powell, T. P. Roberts, D. C. Pritchard, John J. Jordan, Frank Walker, Lyndon Zebulon B. Morgan, W. T. Weaver, T. F. Hoback, J. M. Morgan, A. C. Ward, W. G. Candler, and W. M. Worley. It is understood that the other two are Robert Gwynn and Clyde Reed.

# ODD FELLOWS SPELL AGAINST EACH OTHER

An old-fashioned spelling bee was pulled off between Swannanoa Rebekah lodge, of this city, and Pisgah lodge, of West Asheville, I. O. O. F., in the Odd Fellows hall on Church street last evening, the latter winning.

It was agreed that all words of two syllables or over, beginning at a certain point in Webster's Blue Back, should be given out and that the side having the larger number standing at the end of an hour should be declared the winner. When the time was up the Pisgah lodge had eight on the floor and their opponents one. J. B. Anderson gave out the words to be spelled. Twenty-two, mostly ladies, took part in the contest.

Asheville Citizen March 26, 1909

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# LINDLEY SCHOOL REPORTS ARE READ

## MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS HELD YESTERDAY

### Progress Made During the Year and Financial Condition Both Prove Satisfactory to Managers

The annual meeting of the board of managers of the Lindley Training school was held yesterday afternoon at the home a few miles outside the city. There was a very good attendance and the reports of the officers and the greetings from the president, Mrs. A. A. Lord of New York, who is now in Seattle, were listened to with much interest. All the reports were most encouraging and showed that the school is in a most prosperous condition.

The devotional exercises which opened the session were conducted by Miss Sarah Staley. Mrs. M. B. Hilliard then read her report.

Mrs. Hilliard took up briefly the history of the school tracing its remarkable development through a period of fifteen years. More than two hundred and fifty girls have found shelter during that time at this home and the results have been beyond the expectations of the founders.

The report shows that at least fifty per cent of the girls who have been sent to the school within the past fifteen years have been reclaimed from their downward ways, and that about fifty of them have married and are now leading decent and respectful lives.

Mrs. Hilliard then took up the work of the matron, Miss Isabel Whallon, and told of the splendid services she has rendered in four years she has been with the institution. She paid a high tribute to Miss Whallon and also to Mr. Ross, the farmer.

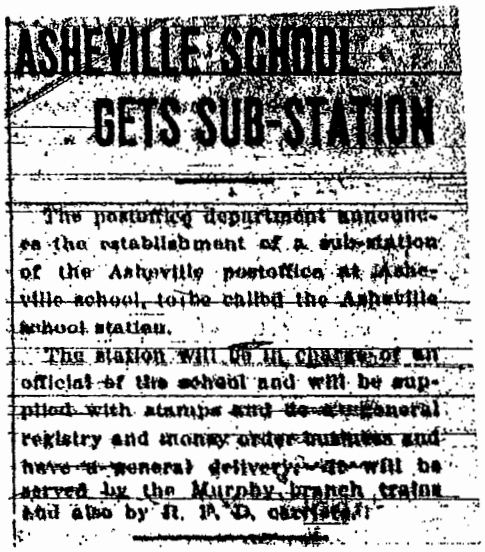
The report closed with an expression of gratitude to the large number of people and institutions which had helped them in their work in a financial way.

The greeting from Mrs. A. A. Lord, the president, who was unable to be present this year owing to her change of residence, took up the spiritual side of the work and included an appeal for the fundamental basis of all work of the institution. The appeal of the president was most effective. In part she said: "Every window of vision which is opened to let in the pure air of heaven."

While the financial report shows a comfortable balance on the right side of the ledger for the year, the school is badly in need of certain improvements to which attention is called in the secretary's report. A chapel is needed for religious and school purposes. An infirmary is needed for the sick, the Mission Hospital having in the past gratuitously undertaken the care of all cases of illness at the school. Money is also needed to enable the management of the school to institute industrial training for the girls who are put in the school whereby they may be trained to earn an honest living at useful work.

Most of all, the school needs an endowment which would relieve the board of managers of the necessity of having each year to keep making appeals for funds sufficient to keep the institution running from month to month. The great work that is being done at the school is worthy of the hearty support of all philanthropical people.

**Asheville Citizen May 27, 1909**



# ASHEVILLE SCHOOL GETS SUB-STATION

The postoffice department announces the establishment of a sub-station of the Asheville postoffice at Asheville school, to be called the Asheville school station.

The station will be in charge of an official of the school and will be supplied with stamps and do a general registry and money order business and have a general delivery. It will be served by the Murphy branch train and also by R. F. D. carriers.

**Asheville Citizen May 30, 1909**

FROM THE RALEIGH, N. C. NEWS AND OBSERVER.
of June 11, '09.

# THE BINGHAM SCHOOL CATALOGUE REVIEWED.

## COL. BINGHAM'S GREAT WORK AT ASHEVILLE.

### The Succession and Continuity of This Oldest School for Boys in the South, and Two Years Older Than the State University, is Provided for—No Hazing is Permitted There.

The new catalogue of Colonel Bingham's School at Asheville is a treatise on education, telling what three generations of teachers have invented and discovered about "the boy" in the hundred and sixteen years since its foundation in 1793, by the grandfather of the present principal.

**Two Unique Offers.**

I. Colonel Bingham had inspected school buildings in twenty-five States and abroad before he fell on the plan of the present buildings near Asheville, and he is so sure of them that he makes the unique offer of a round trip from anywhere within fifteen hundred miles of Asheville to any parent who will come and inspect the plant and who is not convinced that it is the best he ever saw for everything except mere show.

II. So sure is the school of its instruction and management that Colonel Bingham offers a hundred dollars to the parent of any pupil who says conscientiously at the end of the year that he has not received the worth of his time and money if it is the School's fault and his own.

**Area of Patronage.**

So far as heard from, no other Southern school drew this year from an area reaching from New York, Illinois, Wisconsin and California, on the North to Florida and Texas on the South and extending out to Cuba, Mexico and Armenia; and during the last thirty years 39 localities in the United States and 14 outside of the United States have been represented, two in Cuba, two in Mexico, one in Honduras, one in Brazil, four in Europe, four in Asia, one in the Philippines, an area wider than that of all the other Institutions of learning in N. C. combined.

**Safety Against Fire.**

Bingham is differentiated from other schools by its safety against fire through the form of its single story buildings, in which every pair of rooms is isolated by a brick parapet wall like a cotton warehouse, and there are two hundred ground floor fire escapes, through nearly one hundred ground floor doors, and more than a hundred ground floor windows. When one reflects that since the Bingham School went from Mebane to Asheville in 1891, more than twelve hundred pupils have perished in school fires in the United States, all in high buildings, a hundred and eighty of these in the Collinwood, O., fire in March, 1908, Colonel Bingham may well be congratulated on his new departure in planning his school plant against danger from fire.

**Exclusion of Hazing, Drinking and Deadly Weapons By a Pledge of Honor.**

It is not generally known that as many as sixty pupils have been put to death by hazers in the United States in the last twenty years and that all these murderers have gone scot free through the organized lying licensed by hazers for their protection in crime. The Bingham Cadets take a solemn obligation on honor as gentlemen to abstain from this cowardly and brutal practice, which the School defines as "Not letting a comrade and his things alone"; so that a hazer must be a liar; and liars are driven out of The Bingham School by their comrades. Any one who violates the Pledge of Honor against Drinking and against Deadly Weapons is driven out also by his comrades because he has lied in order to drink or have a deadly weapon; each pupil feeling himself responsible to drive a liar away.

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**Raleigh News & Observer June 11, 1909**

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If any one doubts the exclusion of hazing, drinking or deadly weapons, he has only to see what the School's present patrons and pupils say about it, Col. Bingham offering the home address of any pupil, not excluded for cause, whose name appears in this catalogue, in order that any "Doubting Thomas" may write and inquire for himself of parent or pupil, or both. This safety from fire and from hazing and drinking is a strong forward movement in the educational field, and Col. Bingham's lead must be followed by progressive schools.

### Vicious Boys Excluded.

As the school cannot accommodate all who wish to come, it can pick its pupils to some extent. Boys expelled from other institutions are not received, if the fact is known, and a vicious boy, who might infect the student body, is removed as soon as discovered. A distinguished lawyer or doctor is apt to get bad cases, and so is a distinguished teacher; but while a lawyer's or a doctor's bad case does not damage his other cases with proper care, his malady being merely physical, a teacher's bad case, being moral, may produce acute moral contagion, and for the safety of others, vicious boys are not retained at Bingham. This idea is briefly expressed as follows: The Bingham School undertakes to **form**, but not to **reform** boys.

### Modern Languages—A New Departure.

Since the United States became a world power, we must cease to be a monolingual people. Formerly many, perhaps most, of America's representatives abroad, had to communicate with the authorities of the government to which they were accredited through an interpreter, which is a disgrace to a great government like ours; but that day has passed; and to meet this crying need The Bingham School offers spoken French, German and Spanish, taught by a Master of Arts of Harvard University with more than five years of special study of Modern languages abroad. In one year diligent students are prepared to enter any college successfully in first year French, German, or Spanish, and in two years they are prepared to enter an advanced modern language class in any college or university in the United States, or to make themselves understood abroad in the language studied here. Other schools must follow Col. Bingham's lead in modern languages.

### The Faculty.

In the faculty there is a Ph.D. of John Hopkins, a graduate of the University of Virginia in Mathematics, Latin and French. There are three Masters of Arts, one of the University of North Carolina: one of the University of Virginia; one of Harvard. There are two Bachelors of Arts, one of the University of Virginia; one of Washington and Lee University, and the Virginia Military Institute is represented. No other school in the South, or perhaps in the whole country is more strongly manned.

### The Three Robert Binghams Now Living.

The Bingham School never makes a photographic exhibit of its teachers. But one may note a very unique "2 by 2" cut in the magazines in which the picture of a handsome young Cadet appears, with this inscription, "The 3rd Robert Bingham now living, of the fifth generation since 1793." Thus the succession and continuity of this oldest School for Boys in the South, and two years older than the University, is provided for; a School having what experts pronounce the best and safest school plant in the country; a School having an area of patronage surpassed by no other institutions of learning in the South; a School in which drinking, hazing, deadly weapons are excluded by a pledge of honor, and the only School in the United States which has come down from grandfather to grandson through three generations of teachers in the same family since 1793. And now a Bingham of the fourth generation is ready to take care of it, and a Bingham of the fifth generation is in training to continue it.

"Esto perpetua."



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1909.

# COMMISSIONERS DO NOT ACT ON BRIDGE

## WAIT TO GET MATTER IN SHAPE FOR FORMAL ACTION

### Order New Roads Located to City Intake to Gorman's Bridge.

The county commissioners at their special meeting yesterday had a vast amount of road business before them and the meeting was for the purpose of getting part of it out of the way. The condition of the road to the city intake which has been made almost impassable by the heavy spring rains was one matter to be settled and this was disposed of by a decision to build a new road to the intake or else relocate a part of the old.

The most important matter to come up was the report of the high bridge commission. The commission filed another report in which it definitely and finally selected the proposed location from Park avenue over the river to Tahkeostee place in West Asheville as the most available choice. This location gives a five per cent grade and costs less than the location first considered most favorably by Engineer Waddell in his report.

**Will Help Build It.**

The report further stated that the Asheville Electric company had agreed to contribute $15,000 toward the erection of the bridge over which it is to have the right to build its tracks, and that the Southern railway company had agreed to give $5,000 to be relieved of street crossings at Smith's Bridge, and further that the street committee of the city board of aldermen had agreed to provide the right of way in the city and build the stone abutments and culvert work which was estimated to cost about $4,000 provided the county would do the grading with its convict force. The people of West Asheville have guaranteed the right of way on their side of the river, and a substantial sum toward the building of the bridge.

The commissioners took no action on the matter, but carried it over until the various contributions could be put in formal shape to be entered in their records.

**Asheville Citizen June 23, 1909**

# CHANGES ARE MADE IN R.F.D. ROUTES

All the rural free delivery routes in Buncombe county starting from the Asheville postoffice have been amended by Postmaster Rollins on instructions from the fourth assistant postmaster general and the routes as amended become effective July 1. The description of all routes as amended is as follows: Route No. 1 is 25.04 miles in length, the carrier starting from the Asheville office at 8.10 a. m., and returns at 1.30 p. m.; route No. 2 is 24.79 miles long, carrier leaving at 8 a. m., and returning at 1.40 p. m.; route No. 3 is 24.62 miles long, carrier leaving at 8.15 and returning at 1.30; route No. 4 is 25.50 miles long, carrier leaving at 7.30 a. m., and returning at 1.30 p. m.; route No. 5 is 25.50 miles long, carrier leaving at 8.10 and returning at 1 o'clock. The routes as amended with the streets and roads traveled by the carrier follows:

### Route No. 1.

Along College street, Lexington and Merrimon avenues to Beaverdam road, and continuing north on said road to Woolsey Hall and West street, east to Kimberly and Hackney residences, west to Beaverdam road, north to Billow's Rest, at Grace school, northeast to Swain's, southeast and, south to Charlotte street proper, northeast over Sunset drive to Scott's corner, east, southeast and northwest over Spoke branch road to Beaverdam road, northeasterly to Rice's branch, east to Stradley's gate and return, northeast to Henderson's corner southwest to Roan's creek road, north to Wm. Baird's gate and retrace to Beverdam road, southwest to Grace postoffice (dis.), northwest to Weaverville road, south to Brown's store, northwest to Big Mountain Cotton mill, southeast to Asheville postoffice.

### Route No. 2.

East, north, east and south along College street to the top of Beaucatcher mountain, continuing south to Johnson's store, northeast to Haw Creek church, north to David Cordell's, southerly over new road to Jones' store, southeast to Camp Ground corner, northeast to Bethel church corner, southwest to Brown's corner, southeast to Gudger's corner, southeast to Gudger's bridge, west and north to Old Pumping station, westerly to Chesnboro corner, northwest to Baptist mission, northeast to Allis Green's house, in Chunn's Cove, southwest to Asheville postoffice.

### Route No. 3.

West and southwest over Smith's bridge to Jarrett avenue, in West Asheville, north to Evan's corner, and return to macadamized road west and northwest to Johnson's corner, southwest and south to Mrs. Bartlett's residence, north and east to colored church, southeast by Lollmore corner to Electric street, north to Smith's store on macadamized road east to Patterson's corner to Oakdale avenue, northeast and north by Logan's to Crowell's store, over Brown street to Patterson's corner, northeast and north to Worsley's cross roads, west and northwest to Robert's corner, north to Emma postoffice (dis.), west and northwest to Frick's store corner, west and Northwest, by Orphanage, to Rich's corner, northwest and southwest by Hyson's to Pettitt's corner, southeast to Alston's corner, southwest and southeast to Asheville school, east and northeast to Miss Murphy's residence, northeast and [illegible] northwest to Asheville postoffice.

### Route No. 4.

Northwest over Herman's bridge to Burnham Height's school, northwest to Biern's farm and return to macadamized road; northwest to Leicester postoffice, retrace southeast to Gaiespie's corner, southeast and northeast over ridge road to county home, southeast and north to Bingham school, southeast over Pearson's [illegible] to Asheville postoffice

**Asheville Citizen July 4, 1909**

# PLANS FOR BRIDGE TO BE CONSIDERED

## COMMISSIONERS WITH ASHEVILLE IN SPECIAL SESSION TODAY.

### Board Will Also Pass on the Issuance of Swannanoa Township Road Bonds.

The county commissioners are due to meet this morning in special session to act on the matter of the proposed new bridge connecting Asheville and West Asheville.

At this meeting more definite information as to the opening by Asheville of a street from French Broad to the Asheville terminus of the bridge at the foot of Roberts street will be received but the most important matter will be the opening of bids for the construction of the bridge. Each bidder is to present his own specifications, embodying his ideas of the type of bridge and cost, and these will be considered by the board.

The commissioners have also assigned the matter of petitions for the issuance by Swannanoa township of $30,000 of bonds for the construction of good roads for consideration at this special meeting.

**Asheville Citizen August 17, 1909**

# BIDS FOR BRIDGE BEFORE THE BOARD

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSID-ER SPECIFICATIONS

### Swannanoa Township Votes for $30,-000 Bonds for Improving the Roads of Township.

After a session of several hours during which seven bids proposing prices for the construction of the proposed bridge across the French Broad river at Park avenue were opened the board of county commissioners yesterday decided to postpone further action in regard to the erection of the bridge until ample time had been given for a thorough investigation.

In addition to the consideration of the bids for the much talked of bridge, the commissioners allowed the issuance of bonds approximating $30,-000 by Swannanoa township for the construction of a main pike road and subsidiary roads.

Of the seven bids for the construction of the bridge only four were inside the price set by the board of commissioners as the maximum to be expended. One of the bids was from a local company signed by four men well known in the city—Mr. James G. Calvin, Mr. G. H. Davidson, Mr. J. R. Oates and Mr. J. K. Cowan. This company made two propositions to the commissioners. One was for an expenditure of $69,780 and the other for $75,550. Both of the propositions of this concern call for the erection of a reinforced concrete bridge with three arches of one hundred and sixty feet each. The difference in price is due to the ornamental part of the bridge including the handrail and other additions. There is no difference between the structures according to the two propositions from the viewpoint of strength.

The lowest bid for the construction of the bridge is from the Nashville Bridge company. This companw made a proposition for the construction of he bridge at a cost of $66,495 without a permanent floor while the other bid calls for the construction at cost a little in advance with a permanent floor. These bids are both for a re-inforced concrete bridge.

The Penn Bridge company of Beaver Falls, Penn., put in a bid for the construction of a steel frame bridge at the cost o, $69,075 and with a permanent floor at the cost of $75,000.

The highest bid received was that of $103,370, for the total cost including lights, ornamental additions, etc. This bid is made by the W. S. Law Engineering company.

The other bids average around $80,-000. The plans and specifications were of all sorts and shapes and the commissioners, bystanders and engineers who were present spent considerable time in looking over them. One of the companies making a bid had a long panoramic picture of the proposed bridge with street cars, electric lights and trains and freight cars all around and over the bridge. This was done in water color and the whole mountain scenery was carefully drawn. This seemed to be more attractive than any of the blue prints to the commissioners.

**Asheville Citizen August 18, 1909**

# WEST ASHEVILLE LABOR DAY PLANS

The people of West Asheville are planning a big time for Labor day—September 6. It is the first time that the town across the French Broad river from Asheville has undertaken formally an observance of the day and it is purposed making it an event. The Methodists and the Baptists, the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Red Men and Jr. O. U. A. M. have joined in for the affair and both speaking and other pleasing exercises in the forenoon and a card of sporting events for the afternoon. The day promises to be enjoyable and largely attended.

Judge J. C. Pritchard will be the chief speaker of the occasion and Supt. A. C. Reynolds of the county school is master of ceremonies. The exercises in the forenoon will be held in Odd Fellows hall in West Asheville. One of the delighful features of the day will be an old-fashioned basket dinner.

The complete program is being definitely arranged by a committee in charge and will shortly be announced.

**Asheville Citizen August 26, 1909**

# WEST ASHEVILLE'S LABOR DAY PLANS

## Judge Pritchard Will Deliver Address—Card of Sporting Events Arranged.

The people of West Asheville are preparing for a great time Monday when Labor Day will be celebrated. Many of the Asheville people will take part in the celebration, which will last practically the entire day.

The exercises will be enlivened with music. There will also be recitations by Miss Brown and Miss McBrayer. The chief speaker of the day will be Judge J. C. Pritchard, who will speak about 11:30 o'clock in the morning. Following the address, there will be a basket dinner served on the grounds.

Beginning at 2:30 o'clock there will be a number of races which will doubtless prove interesting. The first race on the program is the fat man's race, the prize to the winner being presented by Ottis Green Hardware company; the next is the married man's race, prize from Brown-Northup hardware company; followed by the single man's race, in which the prize is offered by the Asheville Hardware company.

The boy's race, ages 12 to 15 years, prize from J. M. Stoner's; boy's race, 10 to 12 years of age, prize donated by the Asheville Dry Goods company; boy's race, 7 to 10 years, prize by S. C. Alexander. The prizes in the young ladies' race, 12 to 15 years of age, is contributed by H. Redwood & Co. The Palais Royal offers a prize for the finest baby, one to three years of age; and John A. Guffey for the finest baby under one year of age.

The exercises of the day will be concluded with a baseball game which will begin about 4 o'clock.

Asheville Gazette News September 2, 1909

# LABOR WILL OBSERVE ITS SPECIAL HOLIDAY

## LABOR PICNIC TO BE HELD IN GROVE IN WEST ASHEVILLE

### Series of Entertainments Will Be Given at Riverside Park.

Today is Labor Day and a holiday and as such it will be generally observed in the city and surrounding towns by varied and interesting programs. The public schools will be closed all day and the stores have declared that they will not open. The banks and other places of business will remain closed and all factories will be shut down. The preparations have been completed for the holiday.

The various amusements and parks have made special plans for the day and every hour will be a busy one. This is especially true at Riverside park. The program at Riverside will include a game of baseball at 4 in the afternoon, the Asheville team playing a picked team. In that team will be several members of the Hendersonville team. From 2 to 4 there will be water sports on the lake. The first Regiment band will give a concert in the afternoon also and will repeat it in the evening. The usual free moving picture show will be given from 8 to 9 in the evening.

The big feature of the program at the park will be the fireworks at 9.30. Special efforts have been made by the management of the park for this event and it is understood that the supply on hand surpasses any previous exhibition of fireworks in the city.

At Overlook park there will be several special attractions and a concert. Many parties have made arrangements to take their dinner at that resort and spend the afternoon and evening.

**Labor's Celebration.**

West Asheville has been preparing a program for several weeks past for today and nothing has been left undone to make the celebration in West Asheville a success.

The Methodists, the Baptists and members of every lodge and denomination have helped in making the day a notable one in the history of the suburb across the river.

A large basket picnic will be held at noon. After the dinner there will be a series of sporting events and races. Prof. A. C. Reynolds, county superintendent of schools will be the master of ceremonies. The principal address of the occasion will be given by Judge J. C. Pritchard. These exercises will be held in the Odd Fellows' hall at West Asheville.

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# TWO FINE TRACTS LAND SOLD TODAY

## Tahkeostee Farm Brought $3800 at Auction--Late Capt. Spaugh Place Sold for $7000.

Although today was Labor day, it did not prevent the sale under the hammer of two fine tracts of land in Buncombe county. The first tract sold at the county court house, under a writ of execution of the United States District court was the Tahkeostee farm, lying across the French Broad river from the passenger depot. This farm which contains about 125 acres, and was formerly owned by the Lyman estate, and was bought in by Albert L. Cox of Raleigh for $3800. This is regarded as a very cheap price as the property is listed for taxation at $7000. There are a large number of outstanding judgments, however, against the place.

The second farm sold this morning at the county court house was the estate of the late Capt. J. F. Spaugh, consisting of 647 acres, lying partly in Fairview township in Buncombe and partly in Henderson county. This property was bought in by H. T. Phillips for $7500. This is the old Sherrill homestead, and is said to be one of the finest places in Buncombe county. The property was purchased some years ago by Capt. Spaugh for $8366 in cash. It is a very valuable piece of property and was sold by the heirs under a writ of partition, so that the proceeds could be divided among them.

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# WEST ASHEVILLE ROAD BOUNDARY ESTABLISHED

## The Road Will Be 40 Feet Wide from Smith's Bridge to Club House Road.

The board of county commissioners are in regular monthly session at the court house today, and large delegations of citizens were before the board with requests for road improvements.

A delegation of citizens of West Asheville was before the board this morning with the request that the board instruct the county engineer to lay out the metes and bounds of the road leading from Smith's bridge through West Asheville.

The delegation was headed by Rutherford P. Hayes and the people of West Asheville desired the road boundaries established so that they would know the lines, that in building they could be governed by it.

The board made an order that beginning at Smith's bridge and continuing for about two miles, to the junction with the club house road, the road be laid out 40 feet wide, and from that point beyond, 35 feet wide. This will establish a road of sufficient width to meet the demands of the traveling public in that section, and will prevent people from building upon the land which rightfully belongs to the county.

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ASHEVILLE CITIZEN TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 1909

# WEST ASHEVILLE CELEBRATES GREATEST DAY IN ITS HISTORY

## Several Thousand People Participate in Basket Picnic, Hear Interesting Addresses and Have Races And Baby Show.

On the beautiful plateau at the bend of the French Broad river overlooking the Vanderbilt estate West Asheville celebrated Labor Day with the biggest event, a large basket picnic, and program including field sports and several addresses. More than three thousand people were present from the city and all parts of the county. Soon after sunrise the committees began to arrive to prepare the tables in the Oak Grove near Odd Fellows' Hall and make other necessary arrangements.

The crowds in autos, carriages and every conceivable manner of conveyance kept coming from the early hours until after dinner. By 11 o'clock the grove was crowded and standing room for vehicles was at a premium. A temporary platform had been erected for the speakers overlooking the river. Shortly after 11 o'clock Prof. A. C. Reynolds, county superintendent of schools, opened the exercises as master of ceremonies.

The first address was by Rev. Fred Brown of West Asheville. Mr. Brown in a highly entertaining manner spoke of the high place West Asheville holds as a community in the county and in the state. He discussed at some length the position of the community as a village free from the vices of "blind tigers" and such things as have a tendency to mar any community life. The address showed his love for West Asheville and was listened to with great attention.

### Judge Pritchard Speaks.

The principal address of the morning followed, by Judge W. C. Pritchard. The subject of his address, which lasted for more than an hour was "Good Citizenship." Judge Pritchard prefaced his remarks with a tribute to the community for its celebration and its activities and achievements. He also spoke of the beauty of its location and its surroundings.

The main part of his address was upon the duties of the American citizen today under the present government. In the clear and concise manner of a jurist and student of history he discussed the elemental principles upon which the state and nation are founded. The points of his convincing arguments and faultless logic were made the stronger by numerous illustrations from the history of this county and the state.

In the course of his address Judge Pritchard paid a tribute to the progress of West Asheville as a community and prophesied that within the next few years the trolley cars over the new bridge would be crowded with people who had left Asheville to make their homes in that promising community and within a few more years West Asheville would be a larger place than Asheville itself. This part of his address brought forth great applause.

### Thousands Ate.

Following the address an adjournment was taken for dinner. Surrounding a large table three hundred and ten feet long the visitors and guests of the day enjoyed one of the largest picnic dinners in the history of this county. While the address of Judge Pritchard was being delivered the committees had been at work preparing the dinner and, the table was loaded with a bountiful feast. There were nearly as many standing around the table unable to secure seats as were seated.

It was nearly two o'clock when the dinner was over and the races were started. There were many entries in each race and the excitement ran high.

The following were winners of the different events:

Two hundred yard race—Dr. Anderson.

Second race—Charles Limberry.

Girls' contest race: 100 yards—Miss Minnie Plemmons.

Boys' two hundred yard race—Clark Brooks.

### Then Came the Babies.

The most interesting feature of the program of the afternoon was the baby show. More than fifty babies of all ages and sizes below two years were exhibited. The judges found it a difficult matter to award the prizes. The first prize, however, for the most handsome baby under one year of age went to the child of Prof. Tucker, of the West Asheville High school. The second prize for the most handsome baby over one year of age was awarded to Mrs. S. A. Meadows.

The crowds began to disperse about five o'clock. There was a constant stream of people returning to their homes from the picnic grounds from that hour until after seven o'clock. It has been decided to make this picnic an annual affair.

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# Judge J. C. Pritchard's "Labor Day" Address

## He Was the Principal Speaker at the West Asheville Celebration Yesterday—Interesting Sporting Events—An Old Fashioned Basket Dinner.

The people of West Asheville celebrated Labor day yesterday with fitting exercises, and the day was one of the greatest in the history of the town. Besides a number of addresses, interest was added to the day by athletic sports and a baby show. There were more than 2000 people there for the day. The 200 yard dash was won by Dr. Gardner; 100 yard dash by Charles Lineberry; the girls' race by Miss Minnie Plemmons, and the boys' 200 yard race by Clark Brooks.

There were a large number of contestants for honors in the baby show. The prize for the handsomest baby, under one year old, was awarded the child of Prof. and Mrs. Tucker of the West Asheville high school. The prize for the handsomest child over one year of age, was awarded to Mrs. S. A. Meadows.

County Superintendent A. C. Reynolds was master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers. The first address of the day was that of Rev. Fred Brown, who spoke upon West Asheville and its possibilities, and the free life enjoyed by the people of that village.

The principal address of the day was that by Judge J. C. Pritchard, who spoke upon "Good Citizenship." The crowd was deeply interested in this fine address, which dealt with many things of interest to the laboring people. In introducing his subject, Judge Pritchard congratulated the people of West Asheville upon the fact that although they had no policemen and no mayor, yet it was the best ordered crowd he had ever seen.

In tracing the history of Labor day, Judge Pritchard said:

### Judge Pritchard's Address.

The first Monday in September is a legal holiday in all the states except Arizona, Mississippi, Nevada, North Dakota and Louisiana.

In 1882 the Knights of Labor held a parade in New York city, and again in 1884, at which time a resolution was passed to hold all parades on that day, and thus Labor day was established as a day of rest, peace and enjoyment. Working men of all organizations, immediately after the meeting in New York, began an agitation to have the day made a legal holiday, and, in 1887, the legislature of Colorado passed the first law to that effect.

In Europe, Labor day is celebrated on the first day of May. The movement there was inaugurated in 1890, with a declaration in favor of an eight-hour law. At the beginning, the agitation of this question in Europe created quite a disturbance; but now, after the lapse of several years, Labor day is observed there as a matter of course, and the laborers of that part of the world have been greatly benefitted by conservative legislation, the adoption of which they have secured by intelligent effort.

The laboring men of this country have made wonderful strides in securing the enactment of laws calculated

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to improve and better the condition of those who earn their living by daily labor. The eight hour law, the employers' act, the safety appliance act, and the law passed by congress restricting the number of hours which enginemen and other employes of railways shall be required to work have proven to be of substantial benefit to that great class of people who have done so much towards the development of our resources and the upbuilding of our country.

Likewise, we have a law in this state giving the laborer a lien for work and labor performed; and, as a general rule, the laws passed by our legislature carefully guard the interests of the laboring men.

While we are indebted to our ancestors for this magnificent country, yet we should remember that the obligation to develop our section and to care for the people residing within our territory rests solely upon us. Such being the case, the question naturally arises as to what we can do, not only to develop our wonderful resources, but to secure the moral and intellectual development of the rising generation. The people of this day and time, like the people of all ages, are surrounded by certain evil influences with which they have to contend, and it is well, on occasions like this, to discuss such matters freely and frankly in order that the best plan for promoting the welfare of the whole people may be adopted.

I regard the unrestricted immigration of foreigners into this country as a menace to the public welfare. I do not wish to be understood as opposing the better class of immigrants who come here, but, on the other hand, we should extend to them a cordial welcome. However, there is a class of foreigners who bring neither intelligence nor wealth with them, and whose environments from childhood have been such as to totally disqualify them for American citizenship. Of course, we do not have this question in the acute form in which it is presented in some of the northern states. For instance, Massachusetts has about 26 per cent. foreign born population while North Carolina has a little over 3 per cent. foreign born population. The greatest enemies of our free institutions are those who preach the doctrine of anarchy and discord. These doctrines have never, as yet, found lodgment in the hearts of the people of western Carolina. Our people have ever been noted for their devotion to God and their country, and, while our people are loyal to our government and to our institutions, nevertheless, we should remember the maxim that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." We should teach our children, above all other things, to recognize the existence of a Supreme Being and to honor the flag and respect the constitution of our country.

I have often wondered why so many of our North Carolina boys have sought their fortunes in other states. It is a notable fact that in every calling and in every profession in the various states of this union are to be found honorable representatives of the old North State. For years it was understood that North Carolina was a good state to leave behind, but that condition of affairs, I am proud to say, has changed and today, owing to the wonderful development that is going on in our midst, not only are the young men of the state remaining to partake of its wealth, but hundreds of young men from other sections are coming to reside among us and to participate in the many blessings which we as people enjoy. Two or three years ago a large per cent. of our population left this section for the cotton mills of South Carolina and the broad acres of the west. At one time this movement assumed alarming proportions, but I am glad to be able to say that, by the indomitable will, energy and industry of the farmers and business men of this country, this section affords as many inducements now to laboring men as any section of the United States. Once we can secure the development of our water power, which is unlimited, and manufacture in our midst the raw material of this section, then and not until then will we realize to the highest degree the possibilities with which we are blessed.

Judge Pritchard then spoke upon the money question and the increase in property values.

"The circulating medium," said he, "of the United States is: $34.30 per capita.

"In 1896 the total valuation of the taxable property in Buncombe county was $11,382,041, while in 1909 it is approximately $30,000,000. In 1896 the total valuation of real and personal property in the city of Asheville was $4,000,000, and in 1909 it is approximately $10,000,000."

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# TAHKEEOSTEE FARM SOLD UNDER HAMMER

By a writ of execution of the United States District court the Tahkeeostee farm, consisting of 125 acres situated across the French Broad river was sold yesterday at the court house to Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, for $3,800. The farm was formerly owned by the Lyman estate.

The property is listed for taxation at $7,000 and the price received yesterday is low in view of that fact. The judgment against it amounted to about $22,000 which, with interest, will bring the purchase price up to between $25,000 and $30,000. The farm is one of the most desirable small estates near the city.

**Asheville Citizen September 7, 1909**

# HIGH BRIDGE OF CONCRETE TO SPAN THE FRENCH BROAD

## County Commissioners Yesterday Decided After Hearing Report of Captain R. P. Johnson to Use Concrete and to advertise for New Bids.

In special session yesterday morning the county commissioners decided to build the high bridge across French Broad river from the junction of Park avenue and Roberts street of reinforced concrete.

The board then authorized its engineer Captain R. P. Johnston, U. S. A., to advertise for new bids to be presented to the board, at its meeting October 8th, each bidder to furnish his own plans and specifications under the general plan of elevations already adopted.

The decision to adopt reinforced concrete as material in construction followed the reading of Captain Johnston's report which in part said:

"I emphatically recommend reinforced concrete. It is usually somewhat more expensive in first cost than steel, but the bids received for this particular bridge indicate that concrete will be practically as cheap as steel and that a concrete bridge can be built practically within the limits of your funds."

The report pointed out the advantages of concrete over steel, its permanent character, freedom from vibration practically, pleasing appearance and a feature which recommend itself to the board was the statement that most of the material for a concrete bridge would be bought here and all the work would be done here so that practically 75 per cent of the money expended would remain here, while this would not be the case with a steel bridge. The funds available to the commissioners amount to about $70,000.

The report of Captain Johnston states that four test pits were sunk on the east bank of the river and one on the west bank and that these showed apparently solid rock at depths of 6½ to 10 feet below the surface and that soundings were made in the river to ascertain the depth of water and character of bottom. It is stated that good foundations can readily be secured. The report was adopted.

The commissioners and those interested in the bridge will seek to secure the necessary deeds for rights of way by the meeting October 8th, so that if bids are acceptible the work may proceed this fall when the river is usually low.

**Asheville Citizen September 22, 1909**

# NEW WATER SUPPLY IN WEST ASHEVILLE

## WATER SHED WILL BE EXTENDED IN NEAR FUTURE

### Present Supply is Raised by Pumps But New Line Will Be By Gravity.

The West Asheville water system has almost reached the limit of its capacity and preliminary steps are now being taken to increase the supply of water and extend the mains.

It may be stated positively that as soon as it is absolutely assured that the new high bridge across the river will be built a gravity line will be run four miles to a natural water shed near Beavers' view and an ample supply of pure water will be obtained from a clear stream and springs. The water shed has been secured and it is ample to supply all the water which will be needed for many years.

The West Asheville system is a private one owned by Mr. H. P. Hayes, who showed his confidence in West Asheville by placing in operation a pumping station and water lines when the town was far smaller than now and its future was uncertain. An engine was used to pump water from a limited source of supply into a tank which distributed it by gravity, but since then the town has outgrown the system's capacity and there is a rapidly increasing demand for the water.

Mr. Hayes said yesterday when asked that the mains would be extended to the larger water shed and the lines extended as soon as it was certain that the new bridge would be built.

**Asheville Citizen September 30, 1909**

# BINGHAM SCHOOL HAS 150 STUDENTS

With the arrival of another student yesterday the enrollment of Bingham school became 150, the largest number registered in the history of the school.

Naturally this condition is highly pleasing to Colonel Robert Bingham, and the fact that the last entry came from Canada was in itself of interest to the school since this is the first time any one has come from Canada to enter as a cadet.

**Asheville Citizen October 3, 1909**

# ROLAND CANDIDATE FOR MARSHALSHIP

It is announced that Mr. T. F. Roland of this city and Washington will be a candidate for appointment by the president to the position of United States marshal for the Western district, made vacant by the promotion of Marshal J. M. Millikan to be clerk of the United States court at Greensboro.

The entry of Mr. Roland in the race makes two candidates from this city, congressional chairman, W. E. Logan, having been entered several weeks ago.

**Asheville Citizen October 8, 1909**

# WEST ASHEVILLE BRIDGE BIDS IN

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL OPEN THEM THIS MORNING

### Concrete Construction Only Will Be Considered and Bids Must Be Under $70,000

The county commissioners will meet this morning in adjourned session in the court house to open and consider bids for the construction of the proposed reinforced concrete bridge to West Asheville.

The first bids which were received a month ago came in when it was not determined whether the bridge should be of steel or concrete construction and after it was decided that concrete should be used new bids were called for. Each bidder will submit his own plans and specifications.

A number of bids have been received but as they have not been opened it cannot be said whether they will come within the limit of the funds available for the building of the bridge, $70,000. In view of the fact that the Southern railway bridge when completed will cost over $150,000 some fear that the bids may exceed the total of available funds.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1909.

# THREE BIDS FOR HIGH BRIDGE CONSIDERED BY COMMISSIONERS

## Ten Bidders Yesterday Submitted 33 Plans and Bids for West Asheville Bridge, a Number Coming Within the $70,000 Limit. Outlook Favors 930 Feet Long Bridge.

For the building of the proposed concrete bridge from Roberts street to West Asheville the county commissioners yesterday received bids from ten construction firms embodying thirty-three propositions for bridges of different types and dimensions.

The commissioners took under consideration the bids of the three lowest bidders: David E. Evans and company of Baltimore, J. J. Smith and company of Richmond and W. L. Law Engineering company of Rock Hill, S. C., and with the assistance of Engineer H. P. Johnston will decide which is the most advantageous offer. In view of the difference in specifications it was impossible for the commissioners to decide yesterday which was really the lowest bid but some time will be required for consideration, a week or perhaps two weeks or more as the commissioners intend to proceed surely in a matter of such importance.

Under the advertisement for bids each bidder was to furnish his own plans and specifications and as a result each bidder filed offer covering bridges of two dimensions, one firm submitting five offers. The principal difference in the bids were due to differences in length and width, some bids proposing a structure 930 feet in length while others called for an 850 feet long bridge, some planning a bridge 30 feet wide and others a 24 foot width, some providing for two sidewalks, other for cement rail and others for steel railings.

The commissioners had considered a bridge 930 feet long, contemplating fills at the abutments to decrease expense but in view of the fact that a number of bids came below the available fund for the bridge construction, $70,000, the commissioners are proceeding on the plan of a 930 foot long bridge and one 30 feet wide.

The bids for such a bridge was as follows:

W. J. Oliver, Knoxville, $70,472.50; David E. Evans and company, Baltimore, $68,750 25 (second plan $64,-242.50); Pequarth Construction company, Charleston, S. C., $119,231 (second plan $94,000); C. B. Clark and company (smaller type) $68,530; Carolina Engineering company $98,600; W. A. Park, Knoxville, $71,000; J. J Smith and company, Richmond, $67,-000; S. T. Bean and company, Asheville, $95,789; W. L. Law Engineering company, Rock Hill, S. C., $81,100; Nashville Bridge company $70,000.

Many people attended the commissioners meeting, especially citizens of West Asheville, and they were much pleased that a number of bids came within the $70,000 limit.

**Asheville citizen October 9, 1909**

# WEST ASHEVILLE GETS K. P. LODGE

A Knights of Pythias lodge will be organized at West Asheville tomorrow night by Grand Chancellor Geo. L. [illegible] assisted by district deputy H. C. Fletcher. 15 or 20 men will be initiated at the time of the organization and the third rank will be conferred next week a team from Biltmore and Asheville lodges. The new lodge will be numbered 216.

Special arrangements for transportation will be provided and those intending to participate are asked to notify Mr. Fletcher today.

**Asheville Citizen October 13, 1909**

# AUTO STRIKES BUGGY IN WEST ASHEVILLE

## JUDGE CHAS. JONES AND EMER. SON EVE INJURED

### Heavy Fog and Buggy Without Light Is Responsible for the Accident.

The heavy fog last night, and the absence of lights on the buggy of David Nicholson, was responsible for a collision between the buggy and Dr. Gardener's automobile in West Asheville shortly after ten o'clock. Dr. Gardener was returning to the city form the institution of the new K P. lodge at West Asheville accompanied by Judge Charles Jones and Mr. Emereson Eve, who had also participated in the lodge exercises, when Mr. Nicholson's buggy approached. The darkness prevailing prevented Dr. Gardner from seeing the buggy, which carried no lights, and although the automobile was going at a low rate of speed, the collision which resulted upset the machine and the buggy throwing the occupants of both to the ground. Mrs. Nicholson who accompanied her husband, received a shock, but was otherwise unhurt, her husband escaping with a few scratches. Dr. Gardener also escaped injury but Judge Jones received a nasty cut over the left eye, while Mr. Eve had his arm broken. Judge Jones was taken to his home and Mr. Eve to the Berkeley hotel.

Dr. Gardener carried Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson to their West Asheville home in his automobile which was not injured. The accident is regarded as being unavoidable owing to the darkness prevailing.

**Asheville Citizen October 22, 1909**

NOVEMBER 3, 1909

# CAN'T BUY TERMINAL FOR "HIGH" BRIDGE

## COMMISSIONERS INSTITUTE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS.

### Sheriff Was Directed Yesterday to Summon Three Men to Appraise Value of The Land.

Unable to reach an agreement with the owners of the land necessary for terminals in Asheville of the proposed West Asheville bridge the county commissioners yesterday took steps to condemn the land desired.

The Sheriff was directed to proceed under the law and summon a jury of three disinterested men not residents of the locality to be served by the bridge to view the property designated and fix a price on it, forty-eight hours notice being given to the owners of the land or agents. The jury will report at the next meeting of the commissioners and possibly this necessary step may result in further delay.

It is stated that the necessary land on the West Asheville side has been donated but that the commissioners have been unable to get any reasonable price from W. W. Lyman, Mr. Humphreys and one or two others who own land on the Asheville side. No contract for building the bridge will be made until the land for terminals is secured.

The board directed Commissioner S. J. Luther and the county's engineer to lay out a road from the Haywood line at Dutch Cove through the Smathers land to the turnpike road. Commissioner R. C. Clayton was directed to lay out a cart way from the iron bridge to O. W. Nesbitt's place.

The county tax on real estate dealers was remitted.

The time for listing taxes was finally extended to December 1st.

**Asheville Citizen November 3, 1909**

# WANT NEW BRIDGE LOCATION SELECTED

MANY CITIZENS HIGH INCLINED MEMORIAL

Claim It Will Be More Serviceable to Public than One at Roberts Street.

Strong opposition to the building of the new French Broad bridge at the proposed Roberts street site will be presented to the board of county commissioners at the meeting which is advertised to be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Many petitioners, one thousand or more, it is said, will urge the commissioners not to build the bridge at the place selected but instead to construct a cheaper and more serviceable one at the site of Smith's bridge.

The meeting Tuesday will be called for the purpose of hearing the report of the jury chosen to condemn the land necessary for terminals on the Asheville side of the bridge but advantage will be taken of the occasion by those opposed to the proposed plan to present their views and to ask the commissioners to abandon building at the Roberts street site and instead build a bridge which it is claimed will serve more people than a bridge placed at any other place.

The Arguments.

It will be proposed to the commissioners that they construct a bridge whose West Asheville end shall be about where the west end of the present bridge is located and which shall incline upward so that it will clear the railway tracks, its eastern end landing on Atkinson hill and be reached by a road connecting it with Spring street, which the city is now about to macadamize. The petitioners will represent to the board among other arguments supporing their views that the proposed Roberts street concrete bridge will be enormously expensive, that it cannot be built at the price named in the lowest of the bids received for the reinforced concrete plans adopted, that it will require the majority of its users to make a long detour out of their way to pass over it and that it will not be practicable on account of steep streets paved with slippery composition to use it unless a new street should be opened to French Broad avenue which would take people still further out of their way.

On the other hand it will be urged on the commissioners that the objections to Smith's bridge are solely the danger of the crossing of railway tracks and the steepness of Spring street and that these can be avoided by constructing a bridge which shall incline gently upward from the west side of the river and passing overhead the tracks reach a height on the Asheville side which will afford a connection with an easy gradient to Patton avenue. It is said that estimates made by a competent engineer will be introduced to prove that such a bridge can be built at a cost far less than that of the proposed Roberts street bridge. And stress will be laid on the fact that this bridge will afford an easy access to Asheville from all parts of West Asheville as the Roberts street bridge and on the other hand be much more convenient to the Emma and Leicester sections than the bridge heretofore and the commissioners will be urged to consider that the Smith's bridge crossing has been established 75 years and that it would be decidedly unwise to abandon it for an untried site, especially as an important part of the county would be injured by change of location.

For New Bridge.

Those who have been foremost in promoting the new bridge are aware of the movement against their plan and will be ready with copious argument to meet their adversaries. They will point out to the commissioners that all that can be said against the Roberts site was brought out long ago and after such matters were carefully considered by the bridge commission of fifteen members the commission reported in favor of the Roberts street site, having first carefully considered all that was urged in favor of other sites. [illegible] that the city has been [illegible] for a public discussion [illegible] and after hearing [illegible] and that the commissioners after [illegible] plans and specifications and [illegible] and everything is ready for work of construction to begin. [illegible] side will be represented by able and influential advocates and a favorable action of the commissioners is anticipated.

**Asheville Citizen November 11, 1909**

# [illegible] ORIGINAL SITE

## [illegible] ASHEVILLE WITH THE GROWING SUBURBS

### There Was Practically No Opposition at Yesterday's meeting and Commissioners Stood Pat

Asheville and West Asheville will be built.

And it will be built at the site recommended by the bridge commission of fifteen members and later by the entire board of county commissioners.

Such was the virtual decision of the county commissioners at their special meeting yesterday, the contract not being let because the compilation of specifications and figuring by the engineer on bids submitted last meeting are not complete. The report of the jury to condemn land on the Asheville side of the river for terminals and road uptown was received but could not be accepted legally until a regular meeting.

The opposition to the placing of the Roberts street site dwindled to small proportions, the sole sign of it being found in a petition signed by about 200. Some might conceive that Hon. Richmond Pearson spoke in opposition to the bridge but apparently he was only seeking information about matters which happened when he was abroad.

The report of the condemnation jury composed of J. P. Kerr, J. B. Lotspeich and D. S. Hildebrand, recited that S. Sternberg would be benefitted $450 and damaged $50; W. W. Lyman net damage $50; Ford net damage $150; and benefits and damages to N. B. Humphrey each $150. It is understood that Mrs. Humphrey has been willing to make a deed to the county of a lot on which the eastern end of the bridge will rest.

A number of gentlemen made short addresses urging the board to adhere to the original site and when the board affirmed their decision to do so a large crowd of West Ashevillians left in a great good humor. West Asheville property was marked up on the strength of this action. Several of those who wanted an incline bridge at the present Smith's bridge ceased opposition when they learned that the Emma road would connect with the new bridge and that the new road via Cocke's pond through Aston park to French Broad avenue at Philip street would afford a short route to the square.

Some persons, it is said, have slyly sought to try to turn the bridge proposition into politics but as every step taken has been with the approval of both democrats and republicans concerned the effort has fallen flat.

**Asheville Citizen November 17, 1909**

# BINGHAM WINS PREP CHAMPIONSHIP BY VICTORY OVER MOONEY TEAM

## In Hard Fought Game At Riverside Local Eleven Wipes Out Tie of Previous Game and Wins Title by Clean, Straight Football

In a hard fought, but clean and interesting game yesterday, Bingham school won the prep school football championship of the South by defeating Mooney by a score of 4 to 0.

The teams played their first game to a tie a few weeks ago and interest in yesterday's even ran high in consequence. Bingham went into the game somewhat handicapped by reason of the loss of some of its best men through injuries during the season, but the boys had pluck and nerve, and while determined to win, were not overconfident. They played the game with the science and skill of veterans and in tight places managed to wriggle out of the way of harm. Mooney played a heady game, also, and it was perhaps as much the Bingham luck which gave the local team a drop kick from the field as good playing, that saved this second game from being a scoreless game.

The largest crowd of the season was out to see the game, fully five hundred people being in the grand stand and on the sideline at the first kick off.

**Has Made Good Record.**

The game played yesterday ended a most successful year for the Bingham eleven. In the numerous games played by Bingham this season only one team has scored on them that being the Davidson second team, and only one team has tied them, that being the first game with Mooney. The Bingham team is far above the average preparatory school teams and in the championship game which they played yesterday they reflected credit upon the institution which they represent.

Bingham first kicked off to Mooney who received the ball on its ten yard line, and advanced it ten yards, Bingham secured the ball but failed to make its yards and was forced to kick. After several downs the ball passing first from one team to the other the ball was landed on Mooney's thirty yard line. A few unsuccessful forward passing and several kicks featured the first part of the game. The ball was carried to Mooney's five yard line, Bingham failed to make the required distance and the ball went to Mooney. Mooney kicked and Bingham brought the ball to Mooney's six yard line, where Thompson of Mooney's team made a star flying tackle. Bingham advanced the ball one yard one first down. Next a successful drop kick gave Bingham its score of three points.

**No Score In Second Half.**

In the second half Mooney received the ball on its fifteen yard line and advanced it seven yards. Mooney was forced to kick and Bingham received the ball near the center of the field. Mooney got the ball on downs, but was forced to kick again and Sneed of Bingham advanced the ball to Mooney's ten yard line on a fluke. Bingham attempted another drop kick and missed. The ball went to Mooney on Bingham's twenty-five yard line. The ball then changed three times and Norton of Bingham received the ball and carried it for twenty yards. During the remainder of the game the ball stayed in Bingham's territory. The chief feature of the game was the line bucking of Mooney's full back. Neither side scored in second half. Two twenty-five minutes halves were played.

The line up for the two teams was as follows:

Bingham—Shea, center; McDonnell right guard; Barco, left guard; Patterson, righ tackle; Leak, left tackle; Sneed, right end; Hickman, left end; McGee, quarter; Schulken, right halft Norten, left half; Felmet, fullback.

Mooney—Ingram, center; Shipp, right guard; Overall, left guard; Griner, right tackle; Shaw, left tackle; Scott, right end; Holt, left end; Ivie, quarter; Lane, right half; Thompson, left half; Preston, fullback.

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# BRIDGE CONTRACT PRACTICALLY LET

## FORMAL ACTION WON'T BE TAKEN UNTIL CONTRACT IS READY.

### C. B. Clarke and Co., of Baltimore, Will Build High Bridge to West Asheville.

On the report of Engineer Johnston the board of county commissioners yesterday practically decided that the bid of C. B. Clark and company, of Baltimore, $62,580, was the lowest offered for the building of the proposed West Asheville bridge, and an order was made that the county attorney and engineer prepare a contract between the county and the commissioners which will be considered at a meeting to be held on call of Chairman Rankin.

Engineer Johnston reported in writing that he had found it desirable to add certain conditions to the specifications which had been agreed to by Clark and Co. It is provided in the additional stipulation that $1,000 shall be added to the bid price on account of a longer span over the railway tracks. Under the original specifications the bridge will be 980 feet long and 30 feet wide with an additional 5 feet width on account of sidewalk attached.

There were a dozen bids for the bridge, some of them being as low as $47,000, but these called either for a structure 880 feet long or one only 25 feet wide. The Clark company bid figured out the lowest everything considered.

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